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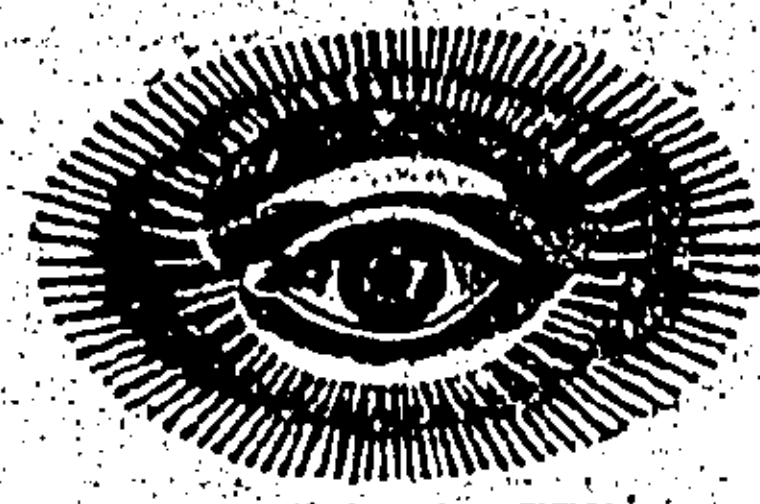
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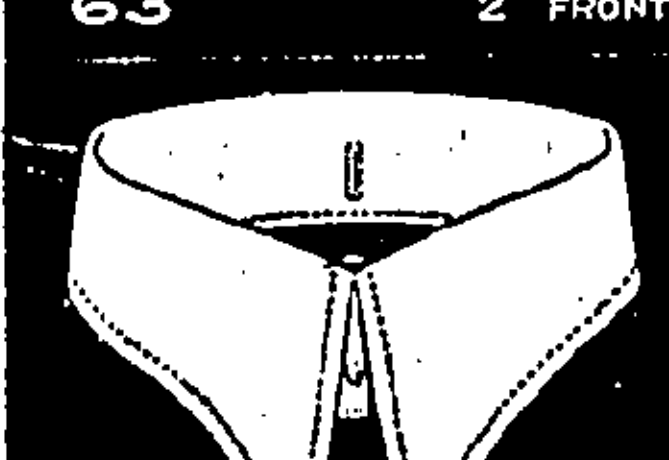
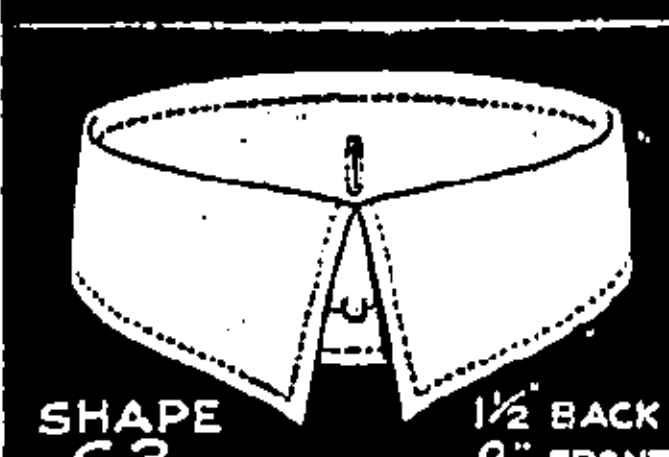
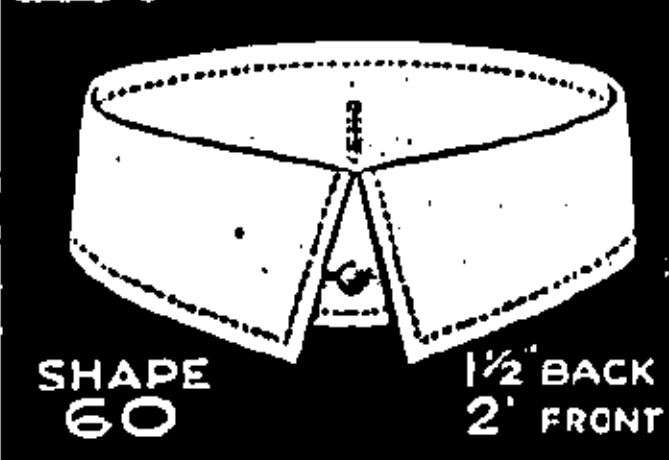
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WAR ON REDS.

CHIANG'S ATTACK BEGINS.

HANKOW'S DANGER.

HEMMED IN ON THREE SIDES.

General Chiang Kai-shek has now made his first definite move to crush the Reds at Hankow. This move takes the form of an advance by Moderate troops against Nanchang in conjunction with two generals hitherto believed to have been on the other side. With the Northern allies winning fresh successes and internal discord breaking out in the southern part of their territory, the Hankow Reds are hemmed in on three sides, and their plight is daily becoming more critical.

COMBINED ATTACK.

How Hankow Enemies Are Moving.

Hankow, April 27.

The movement against the Reds by the Moderates within the Nationalist party is extending and assuming definite shape.

General Chiang Kai-shek is advancing on Nanchang to eliminate the Red element, and units of his 2nd, 3rd and 6th Armies have arrived at Kiukiang to carry out the attack.

The fact alone of Moderate troops being at Kiukiang (on the Yangtse, between Nanking and Hankow) is sufficient to indicate that General Chiang Kai-shek has extended his scope eastwards into "Red" territory as Kiukiang was held by the Extremists only a week or so ago.

This march by Chiang Kai-shek is momentous because units of the 2nd, 3rd and 6th Armies are mentioned as taking part.

Three "Big" Generals.

General Tsa Yen-kai, on becoming a politician, handed over command of the 2nd Army to General Lu Ti-ping, who is fighting with Chiang Kai-shek on the lower Yangtse.

The 3rd and 6th Armies were reported to have been definitely on the Communists' side the commanders being General Chu Pei-teh and General Ching Chien, respectively. General Ching Chien's men were at Nanking when the outrages were perpetrated.

It was difficult to realise, all along, how a Nationalist general in the field stood to gain by adhering to the Hankow politicians with its system of control that would at least be deemed cumbersome and irksome to the militarists. All the generals mentioned above have always fought staunchly for Chiang Kai-shek.

The Opposing Sides.

One factor should be mentioned. Each army is spread over different parts of separated provinces. While one or two divisions may be loyal to the Moderates, a brigade may side with the "Reds." Even in the case of the 4th Army, commanded by General Li Chai-sum of Canton. One of his divisions is reported to be stoutly in favour of Hankow, while the others took active part in the drives on the Communists. In the same way, it must not be presumed that because the 2nd, 3rd and 6th Armies are taking part in Chiang Kai-shek's advance on Nanchang, the capital of Kiangsi province, that all units in those armies are necessarily "anti-Red."

Danger in Hunan.

A definite move has also been made to eliminate the Bolshevik element in Hunan, the Soviet Consul having deemed it advisable to leave Changsha. He arrived in Hankow to-day.

In the meantime, Hankow itself, so far as the Extremists are concerned, appears to have cause for apprehensions mentioned yesterday.

[As has been explained by reports from various sources, the Extremists hold Hupeh and Hunan provinces. In the south of Hunan, there is a strong anti-Communist element, extending up to Changsha (which is connected with Hankow by a tributary of the Yangtse).

Rumours are current that one or more divisions of troops in southern Hunan are waiting for an advance, either from Canton, or by Chiang Kai-shek himself from the east, as the signal for an internal uprising against the Hankow regime.]

Northerners Advance.

Reports from the Honan front where troops were sent from Hankow to stem the advance of the

Northgraders state that the Southgraders suffered a severe reverse in battle with the Fengtien troops and that a mixed Army representing the Northern Allies is moving from the Han river towards Hsianfok.

A number of the defeated Hankow troops have arrived back here. Considerable military activity on the lines mentioned yesterday continues at Hankow in consequence of the above news and the latest troops ordered to take up positions bordering the river are part of the 8th Army at Hwangchow.

The Extremists are believed to be shortening their lines north of Hankow, where their outposts face the advancing Fengtien Allies from Peking.

The 8th Army mentioned as defending Hwangchow (below Hankow) is commanded by General Tang Seng-chi, who has the biggest army in the two Hu provinces.

CABINET MEETING.

Position in China Again Chief Subject.

Rugby, April 27.

The situation in China was the chief subject discussed at the meeting of the Cabinet to-day.—British Wireless Service.

and has been "claimed" by both sides as their adherent. The posting of his men at Hwangchow need not necessarily mean that he will support the Hankow politicians.]

Feeling of Uneasiness.

The report has been circulated in Hankow by the Extremist that it is the intention of the British to re-take the Hankow Concession at once, profiting by the recent turn of events and the difficulties with which the Hankow Government is faced.

Although business was supposed to open temporarily to-day in the Japanese Concession for the purpose of clearing stocks in godowns, no coolies were allowed in the Concession.

Conditions in the native city are bad, both in regard to lack of food and the chaotic conditions obtaining. In the foreign settlement, all is quiet.—British Naval Wireless.

Troops on the Move.

Wuhu, April 27.
Ample apologies have been made in connection with the threatening of the Captain of H.M.S. "Caradoc" and of other foreigners attempting to land, by Chinese sentries.

Considerable troops movement is taking place, the 7th division having left down river and part of the 15th division, at present remaining, is understood to be leaving shortly.—British Naval Wireless.

[Wuhu is on the Yangtse, between Nanking and Kiukiang, and in Chiang Kai-shek's hands.]

"Penguin's" Casualties.

Shanghai, April 27.
It appears that there were four casualties aboard the "Penguin," the U.S.S. minesweeper which was fired on below Kiukiang.

The "Penguin" returned the fire.

The U.S.S. minesweeper has arrived at Chinkiang, with the wounded.—British Naval Wireless.

Martial Law at Amoy.
Amoy, April 27.
There has been no change in the situation except that martial law has been declared.—British Naval Wireless.

CHINA POLICY.

President Coolidge's Speech.

LONDON PAPER'S COMMENT.

London, April 28.

The "Daily Telegraph," in an editorial on President Coolidge's speech at the United Press dinner, dwells on the difference between his policies in China and Mexico and Nicaragua.

The paper says the terms in which President Coolidge defended the latter policy fully justify the interpretation of them as an extension of the Monroe Doctrine in view of the assertion of the right to intervene in the affairs of the American republics in the interests of good government and political stability.

President Coolidge's claim goes far beyond any made by the British Government with regard to China.

If the policy of the United States can help to establish set-

TAXING SMOKES.

Move to Reduce Tobacco Duty Defeated.

London, April 27.

The House of Commons by 256 to 154 votes rejected a Labour amendment to reduce the duty on tobacco and carried the main Budget tobacco resolution by 261 to 158 votes.—Reuter.

led and peaceful conditions and political freedom in Mexico, Nicaragua and other States that result will be welcomed everywhere, and not the least heartily in Britain, whose economic interests there are not inconsiderable. But, if that policy is being pursued, it should not be possible for President Coolidge to suggest that Britain has taken undue advantage of her position of commercial predominance in China.

The character of the American Government's policy in China is exclusively its own affair, but among the considerations which dictated it an objection in principle to the assertion of economic interests or the cause of civilisation in weaker foreign communities can hardly be numbered.—Reuter.

Chefoo and Wei-Hai-Wei Quiet.

Chefoo, April 27.

The situation is quiet.—British Naval Wireless.

Wei-hai-wei, April 27.
There are no apparent signs of trouble.—British Naval Wireless.

Alarmist Rumours.

Kongmoon, April 27.

The report of Mr. Wei, head of the local militia in the estuary area, that the police expect the "Peasants' Corps" may join the Tung Tack Labour Union (cargo coolies) and that there were plans afoot to attack foreigners and foreign property within the next few days appear to be without foundation and due to alarmist rumours according to later information.—British Naval Wireless.

Another Report.

Chiang and Hankow Not to Fight.

Peking, April 28.

While the Northern militarists are adopting a waiting policy, hoping that internal strife will so weaken the Kuomintang that it will no longer endanger the North, and while the Powers are also apparently hopeful that General Chiang Kai-shek's hostility to the Communists will help to solve their problems, there are increasing evidences that the Hankow and Nanking factions are not likely to plunge into serious fighting with each other, but may both make drives against the North.

Large numbers of General Chiang Kai-shek's supporters and the Hankow faction are reported to be "marching" as Wuhu and elsewhere.

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"SUNNING" ECHO.

Colony Pays \$1,450 For Defence.

LOCAL FINANCE VOTES.

The cost to the Hong Kong Government of instructing solicitors and counsel to defend the prisoners charged with complicity in the "Sunning" piracy was \$1,450.

The original vote for "fees to Counsel and Solicitors for prisoners in capital cases," having been exceeded due to the duration of the two "Sunning" trials and other capital charges, a supplementary vote of \$3,000 to make provision for this and for future trials is asked for at the Legislative Council Finance Committee meeting to-morrow at 9.30 a.m.

Mr. W. Knight's Widow.
A vote of \$3,000 is asked for the widow of Mr. William Knight, Revenue Officer, who committed suicide on March 10, according to the finding of a Coroner's jury, during a fit of temporary insanity.

Mr. Knight was first appointed a Police Constable on April 23, 1910. He was seconded for Military service from November 29, 1915 to August 6, 1919. Among the inevitable hardships of the war he suffered from a very bad attack of trench fever and he seems never fully to have recovered from his experiences in the war.

His previous service was excellent. It is proposed to make a grant calculated at the rate of one year's salary, i.e., £360, to his widow who has been left with two daughters aged 3 1/4 and 2 1/4 respectively. Her Widows and Orphans pension amounts to £84.19.8 p.a. plus a temporary increase of 25 per cent. in all £106.4.7 p.a. and she has no other means. A vote of \$3,600 the equivalent of £360 is accordingly requested.

OUR \$50 PRIZE.

Cross-Word Puzzle Competition Result.

The result of the "China Mail's" final Cross-Word Puzzle Competition will be found on page 6 of this issue. Three competitors share the \$50 prize with only two errors each.

Mr. G. Haskett's Widow.
Another vote of \$6,800 is asked for the widow of Mr. George Haskett, Mr. George Henry Haskett who was appointed Inspector of Stores P.W.D. on May 3, 1913, died while on leave on December 8, 1926. His widow's pension amounts to \$109.18.10 p.a. plus a temporary increase of 25 per cent. making a total of \$137.8.6. Mr. Haskett has also left a daughter now aged 12 years by a previous marriage, who is entitled to a reversionary interest in the pension until she reaches the age of twenty-one or marries, whichever event may take place first.

Mr. Haskett's widow has not been left well provided for in other respects and it is proposed to grant her a sum equal to one year's salary calculated at the rate at which Mr. Haskett was paid from 1.1.26 viz. \$680. The actual provision under the sub-head as shown above is only intended to cover small local grants and grants of this nature are submitted to the Finance Committee separately as each case arises. A vote now for \$6,800 is requested.

Po Hing Fong.

It is considered desirable that the Government should purchase the Site of Nos. 12, 13, 14 and 15, Po Hing Fong to be reserved as an open space in place of an area of Blake Gardens which will be required for the construction of a new Police Station to replace the old No. 8 Police Station.

Blake Pier Work.
Owing to unavoidable delay in commencing the work at Blake Pier, it was not possible to execute the amount of work for which funds had been voted in 1926. The excess for which supplementary vote is now required, amounts approximately to the unexpended balance of funds voted in 1926, viz. \$8,000 together with \$6,000 by which the cost of the work was under-estimated. The above is to be met from

savings under head 31, sub-head 61, Chatham Road Extension (1927 estimates page 80 item 61).

Wongneichong Development.
The additional \$11,000 asked for Wongneichong development site formation and road construction is to complete the portion of the work already approved and was not included in the 1927 Estimates as it was anticipated, when the 1927 Estimates were framed, that the work would have been sufficiently advanced for this payment to have been made in 1926.

The unexpended balance in 1926 was \$49,720.

The above is to be met from savings.

Total Of \$165,988.
Other votes are as follows:
Harbour Department, vote for launch to replace the "Victoria" \$15,000.

Shaukiwan Road improvement \$5,500.

Allowance for repairs to Police motor cars and cycles (\$2,000).

Allowance to Sir Skinner Turner, Judge of H.B.M. Supreme Court, Shanghai, as member of the Full Court of the Colony (\$767). This is for the period September 29, 1926, to December 31, 1926.

Sir Skinner Turner was engaged on the Extrajudicial Commission, and was not allowed by the Foreign Office to draw any of this allowance whilst he was so engaged. He resumed duty again in Shanghai on September 29, 1926 and failed to draw the allowance last year.

Erection of 3 automatic self-recording tide gauges (\$800).

Supreme Court—Personal Emoluments (\$767).
Educational Department, College Calendars (\$145).
The total of the supplementary votes asked for is \$165,988.

HIGH JINKS.

Duke of York In Student Rag.

OUR HORSEY PRINCE'S BROTHER

Melbourne, April 27.

After the serious business of presenting the Speaker of the House of Representatives with a replica of the dispatch boxes used in the London House of Commons as a token of His Majesty's interest in the new Parliament building at Canberra, the Duke of York was given a rare ragging when he was made doctor of laws of Melbourne University.

Surrounded by hilarious students, the Duke of York rode through the grounds in an old brougham escorted by two ancient nags, each mounted by three undergraduates, followed by live sheep, goats and cows with a banner declaring, "If the Duke cannot go to the country, the country must come to him," in reference to the complaint that the Duke and Duchess are not seeing sufficient of the country districts of Victoria.

The mob continually slapped the Duke of York's back, referring to him as the "brother of our horsey Prince," and asking him to convey their kind regards to the "old man and his missus."

The Duke of York was made a member of the students' association and swore to "share my cigarettes with less fortunate members."

The students chorused "Good-bye Albert," and as he left two undergraduates dressed like the Duke and Duchess followed in a car driven by a student in a red uniform and bearskin.

The "duchess" was so well disguised that the crowds were completely hoodwinked till they saw a grinning figure perched on the rear of the car.—Reuter.

THE WRONG MAN?

A Chinese was assaulted by three unknown men in Wellington Street at 8 o'clock this morning, receiving injuries to his head which had to be treated at the hospital. It is believed the man is the victim of mistaken identity.

While working cargo at No. 17 godown at Kowloon yesterday a Chinese was injured on the head and had to go to the Kwong Wah Hospital for treatment.

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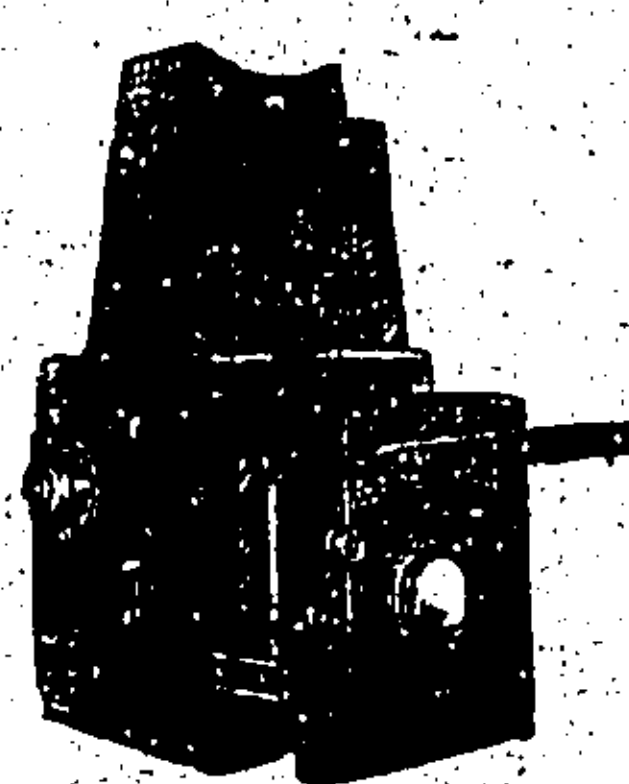
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JAPANESE SHIPPING.

1926 A VERY SATISFACTORY YEAR.

Reports in the Japanese press show that during the whole of last year there was a steady improvement in the shipping situation as compared with 1925. The good yields of the two main articles of production, namely rice and silk, brought about an increased purchasing power, which, in its turn, caused a brisker exchange of commodities. The previously existing depression in the shipping trade became less pronounced, and freight rates were maintained at a satisfactory level. Thus at the beginning of 1926 the signs of a good shipping year were present. The hopes which were based on these indications, however, were not entirely fulfilled, and there was, indeed, a temporary setback.

Coastwise freight rates began to fall, and in the overseas trade the strong demand for tonnage in the Pacific ceased entirely after the completion of the heavy wheat shipments, while there was a slight opportunity of employment in the Atlantic owing to the low grain freights from Argentina to Europe.

As a result of these conditions many Japanese ships returned to the home coasting trade, thus causing an over-supply of tonnage and a further depression of freight rates. This reaction, however, did not last very long. The Chinese rice crop failed and Japanese ships were sent from their own country to China. These conditions held good until the autumn, when there was a general revival of overseas shipping.

Imported Ships.

Ever since the earthquake of 1923, the Japanese shipbuilding industry has had to suffer very severely from the importation of old ships from abroad. As counter-measures the breaking up of inferior tonnage and the basing of the import tax on the age of the imported ship were proposed. The rise in the exchange value of the yen and the high building costs in Japan only served to encourage the purchase of second-hand foreign tonnage.

From January to September, 1926, these imports comprised 35 ships with a total of 250,000 tons. During the same period only 39,000 tons were constructed at Japanese yards, so that the import was about six times as large as the production. The state of affairs is viewed with a certain amount of anxiety in Japan, and the more so because the average value of the Japanese commercial fleet is much reduced by the inclusion of such more or less heavily used vessels. For the moment, however, it seems impossible to find a remedy.

NORWEGIAN SHIPPING.

DISTRIBUTION OF FOREIGN SERVICE.

THE ROUTES TO CHINA.

The Shipowners' Association of Norway has published statistics showing the routes in which the merchant fleet was engaged during two periods in 1926, the figures complementing those which were laid before a general meeting of the association in December 1925. The first position which is occupied by the ships engaged in the services between the United States east coast and the Gulf to and from Europe; on February 1, 1926, the number was 81, of a total of 543,000 deadweight tons, and on August 1, 73 ships of 496,000 tons. In the West Indian route, which is the second group, 111 ships of 365,000 tons, and 130, of 416,000 tons, were employed on the two dates respectively. The third place is taken by the North Atlantic route, represented by 206,000 tons in February, and 285,000 tons in August. Next to this group is the services between North and South America (North America's east coast to the east and west coast of South America or in the opposite direction), these having found occupation for 360,000 tons and 207,000 tons on the two dates respectively.

The fifth place is held by the services between the Mediterranean and the United Kingdom, the Continent and Scandinavia, and vice versa, the tonnage having been 385,000 tons and 115,000 tons in the two respective months. The routes to China rank next with 218,000 tons and 237,000 tons; and the seventh is the Baltic services, with 59,000 tons and 318,000 tons in the two periods respectively. Then follow the routes to the east coast of South America to Europe and back, with 215,000 tons and 152,000 tons; the services with 116,000 tons and 207,000 tons to the coast of Africa and the Islands to the United Kingdom, the Continent and Scandinavia, with 172,000 tons and 91,000 tons; the White Sea, which employed no tonnage in February, occupied 211,000 tons in August. The remainder of the tonnage engaged in the foreign trade was occupied between Australia and Europe, and in groups to India, the East Indies and the East of Europe, or in the opposite direction.

The total tonnage engaged in the foreign services is returned as having amounted to 8,610,000 tons in February, and 3,680,000 tons in August, 1926.

The economy by the Government is more than overdone. Earl Beauchamp.

PERIL OF WHALING.

STORM AND GIGANTIC ICEBERGS.

The following details have been received with regard to the Rosa Sea Company's Whaling Fleet which returned to Patterson's Inlet, Stewart Island. When the "Sir James Clark Ross" (the factory ship) and the other vessels of the fleet left New Zealand in November they had good weather until the pack-ice was reached, after the icebergs were encountered continually and progress was slow. Once forty-one enormous icebergs, some of them miles long, were sighted in the space of an hour. Twenty-one days after entering the ice open water was reached off Victoria Land.

Until the second week in December whales were comparatively scarce, although one of the chasers secured a whale 18 ft. in length. On Dec. 10 a westerly gale rose to a blizzard, tremendous seas carrying away the whales lashed to the mother ship. The "Star", which was towing two whales, was compelled to cast them adrift, and the seas were so high that for a few minutes there was grave danger of one of the abandoned whales being thrown on top of the little vessel. While the tremendous sea broke over the "Clark Ross" the plight of the fleet of small chasers gave much anxiety, but on the 13th the gale moderated, and most of the abandoned whales were recovered.

The fleet then visited Discovery Inlet, near the Bay of Whales, where fish was plentiful. The largest whale of the cruise was taken here, and measured 125 ft., realising 176 barrels of oil, valued at £1,070. Huge icebergs constantly breaking away from the barrier here made the weather intensely cold. The largest iceberg was a literal mountain of ice, rising 3,000 ft. out of the water, and being several miles in length.

On Feb. 13 the temperature was 27 deg. below zero. The heaters were frozen, and all the gear coated with ice several inches thick. Another huge ice-break from the Barrier froze the fleet out of the inlet. The weather from then onwards was bad until the "Clark Ross" sailed for New Zealand.

QUALIFYING TIME FOR MASTER.

It would seem that some considerable doubt exists as regards qualifying time for master, when service completed by candidate has been partly as third officer, holding a first mate's certificate (in accordance with the regulations laid down by the Board of Trade), and partly as second officer. Having received inquiries on the matter from members, the Imperial Merchant Service Guild has sought an official ruling on the point, which is to the following effect:—

"Where the service of an applicant for examination does not conform exactly to the Board's regulations as they stand, it is the practice to consider his case on merits, having regard to his service taken as a whole. As a rule, however, in the case of an applicant who has served both as third officer and as second officer while in possession of a first mate's certificate, one half of the time served as third officer is accepted as a 'set-off' against the period of service as second officer, which will be required to qualify the applicant for examination under paragraph 38 (c) of the Board's regulations."

As regards cases where candidates are in doubt as to their qualifying time, it is as well to draw attention to the regulations laid down whereby "applicants for examination and persons inquiring as to their eligibility will be required, in making their application on Form Examination 2, to pay the examination fee before any step is taken in the way of inquiring into their services or testing their qualifications. If the candidate is found not to be eligible the fee will either be returned to him or placed to his credit until he is eligible."

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J. LIMAGE, Agent.
Hong Kong, 26th April, 1927.

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The United States House of Representatives has decided to emulate in its own way the reputation of the House of Commons as the best club in the world. It proposes to spend £700,000 on the erection of a new office building for its members, to be equipped with Turkish baths, swimming pools, ping-pong, and other table games, as well as flesh-reducing and muscle-developing devices.

The consent of the Senate, whose members at present enjoy vastly better office quarters than the members of the Lower House, must, however, be obtained before the new project is put into execution. The House is optimistic on the subject of the Senate's eventual acquiescence.

CONSIGNEES.

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THE Motor Vessel "FORRESBANK" having arrived, Consignees of Cargo by her are informed that all Goods are being landed at their risk into the hazardous and/or extra-hazardous Godowns of the Hongkong & Kowloon Wharf & Godown Co., Ltd., whence delivery may be obtained.

No Claims will be admitted after the Goods have left the Godowns, and all Goods remaining undelivered after 3rd May, 1927, will be subject to rent.

All Claims against the vessel must be presented to the Under-Signed on or before 10th May, 1927, or they will not be recognized.

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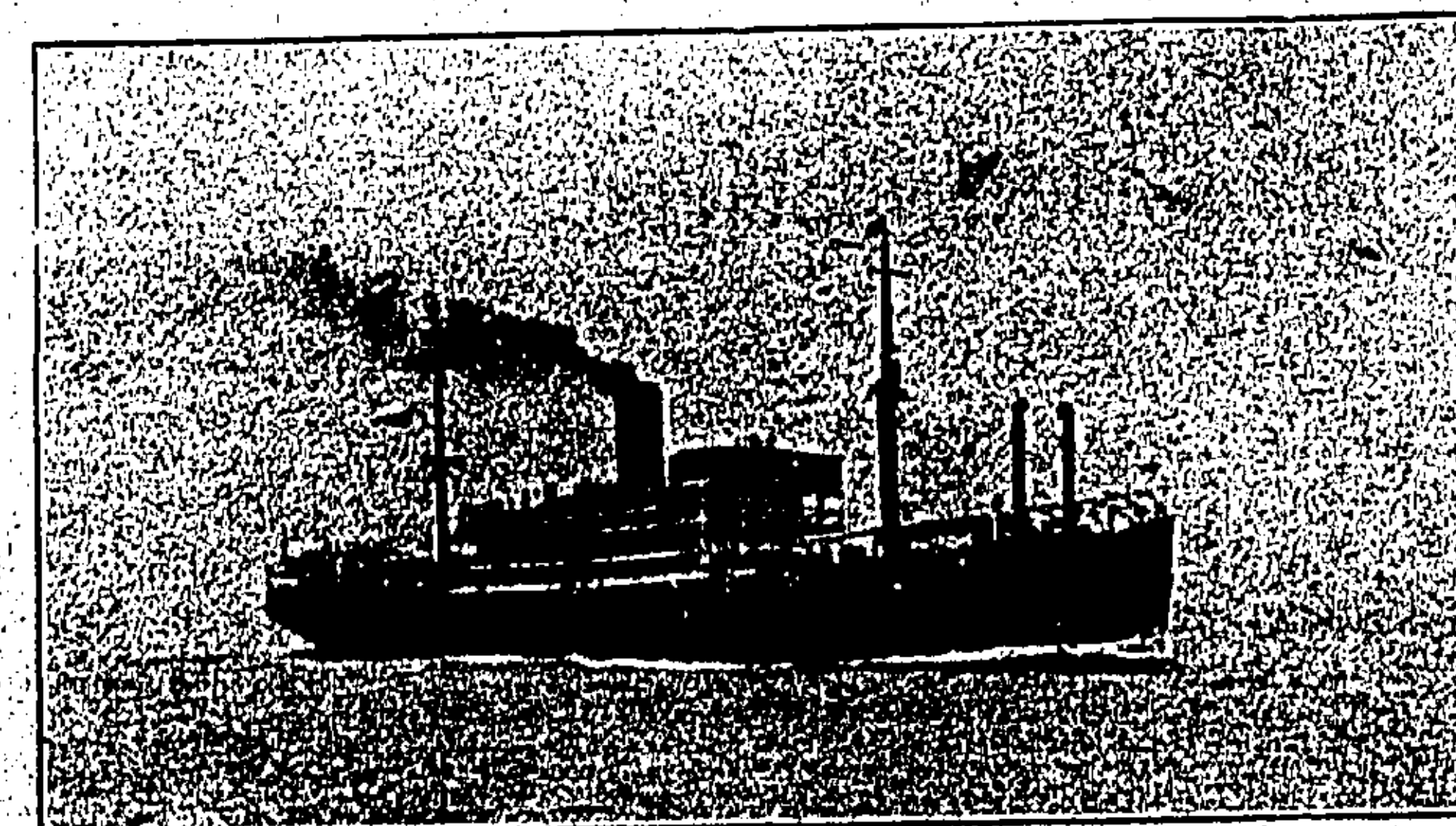
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BRITAIN'S DUTY.

It may be a trifle disconcerting to find both America and Japan inclined to modify the original Note regarding the Nanking incident, particularly in view of the danger of weakness or delay practically inviting a repetition of the incidents elsewhere—say at Peking or Tientsin. The whole trend of events in China has demonstrated beyond the slightest dispute that, where the Reds have the upper hand, a policy of patience and conciliation is fatal to the Powers. Generosity is regarded as mere weakness, to be taken advantage of and abused to the utmost degree. Even General Chiang Kai-shek shows now that he knows the Red mentality better than some of the Powers: he is not content with chidings and rebukes. Nothing short of the entire elimination of the Red elements will meet his views. Well he senses the risks both to China and to Chinese Nationalism if he assumes the role of a lenient Magistrate and dismisses the Red offenders with the proverbial "caution."

For America to stretch out the hand of friendship to the Hankow clique is simply to have it stained with blood and to invite the retort that America is "too proud" to stand up for her own dignity. There can be no such thing as friendship with assassins and murderers who would wipe out every foreigner in China, including American citizens, if they got the chance—and then proceed to place the onus on the Powers. It is to be trusted that Great Britain will not be swayed by America's "reasons for hesitation," as the London "Times" aptly phrases it. "If a man runs amok in a public street it is clearly the duty of every citizen in the vicinity to endeavour to disarm him and render him hors de combat. Any idea of coaxing him to lay down his weapon and to cease from killing whoever crosses his path would be senseless. Like wise, when the Reds run amok and commit nameless outrages on

innocent foreigners it is the duty of the Powers to adopt the sternest action possible in the shortest possible time. Hesitation would be misconstrued and result in further outrages elsewhere. Great Britain cannot stand aside and leave her nationals at the mercy of brutes: she cannot equivocate. If America and Japan, for reasons of their own, go back on the original Nanking Note, that is no reason why Great Britain should follow suit. She also has her dignity to uphold, and she has the naval forces in sufficient force in Chinese waters to impose her will on the Hankow clique and demand satisfaction for the Nanking outrages. Sentiment can no longer be permitted to hold the field for the very clear reason that sentiment is not understood by those responsible for the outrages. The Power that hesitates is lost. The way to ultimate peace with honour lies through firmness in decision and celerity in action.

STOLE A CAT.

THEN TRIED TO BRIBE THE POLICE.

Before Major Willson this morning a Chinese was charged with stealing a cat in Aberdeen Street. Two constables saw accused behaving in a suspicious manner at 2.45 a.m., and watched him. They saw accused pick up the cat and wrap it in a piece of cloth. When stopped accused said it was a runaway cat which he was recapturing for a friend. On the way to the station accused pressed 90 cents into the hand of the constable and remarked "Let's play the game." The constable closed his fist over the money and at the same time tightened his grip on the accused. At the station the money was handed over to the Inspector on duty.

For stealing the cat accused got 10 days' jail and for playing the tipping game he was fined \$15 or in default a further 14 days' hard labour. The 90 cents bribe money was placed in the poor box.

A TIGER'S LIVER.

LOCAL HAWKER'S STRANGE STOCK.

Two Hakkas were charged before Mr. Lindsell this morning with hawking in Shaukiyan without a licence.

Sub-Inspector Murphy said, accused were selling dried tiger's flesh. They also had with them a tiger's liver and a full set of the skeleton. In the witness box first accused said No. 2 put the tin of opium under her (No. 1's) mattress just before Mr. Watt entered. She demonstrated with No. 2 and was in the act of taking out the tin to return to second accused when the S.R.O. grabbed her hand.

S.R.O. Watt, replying to the Magistrate, said he was positive first accused had the tin in her hand before she lifted the mattress. Both accused were convicted, No. 1 was fined \$50, while second accused who had a previous conviction was fined \$150 or two months' jail.

BITE FROM DOG.

KOWLOON RESIDENT SUD-DENLY ATTACKED.

While Mr. L. Huggett, of No. 585, Nathan Road, Kowloon, was walking home at 6 p.m., yesterday he was suddenly attacked and bitten in the right hand by a small white dog. He went to the Kowloon Hospital to have an injured finger attended to. The dog was not captured.

HOSPITAL COMFORTS.

The Hospital Comforts committee beg to acknowledge with very many thanks, receipt of the sum of \$200.37 from the hon. treasurer of St. John's Cathedral, being the amount collected at the morning service on Sunday last.

SERVICE CONCERTS.

EVERY TUESDAY AT THE Y.M.C.A.

THOSE TAKING PART.

Concerts are given every Tuesday evening at the Naval and Military Y.M.C.A. in Queen's Building, Charter Road, the organiser being Mrs. Carson.

This week's entertainment met with a great reception from the large number of Servicemen present. There were roars of laughter at the lighter numbers and each artiste was enthusiastically applauded.

Those who took part on Saturday were:—Mrs. M. Minney (soprano); Mrs. H. Bulean (violin) accompanied by Mrs. G. W. R. Griggs; Mr. Graham (songs and ukulele); Mr. G. W. C. Burnett (humorist); Mr. Hyde Lay (baritone) accompanied by Mrs. Lay; Mrs. C. P. F. James (accompanist for the evening).

Mr. Henry Livingston gave a Charleston exhibition, while a number of Servicemen contributed to the great success with their songs, recitations and dances.

Next Tuesday's concert will have many attractions. Among those who have promised to appear are Mr. R. Sutherland, Mr. Burnett, Mrs. Davis, Dr. McCandless, Mrs. Sanger and Mr. Patterson.

A highly enjoyable entertainment was provided at the Seamen's Institute last night by the "Squeakettes," led by Mrs. C. Russell Brown. These versatile artistes put up a very creditable performance for which they earned the gratitude of all present.

RINGING FROM GRAVE.

Device Against Living Burial.

To have attended 30,000 funerals is the record of Mr. John C. B. Shepherd, who has just attained his jubilee with a firm of Chester undertakers. Mr. Shepherd undertook the burial of an electrician in a coffin constructed of match-boxes. This novel receptacle had been made by the electrician himself, and had been kept under his bed for many years. The same electrician invented an electrical device to ensure against the possibility of anyone being buried while in a trance. The inventor claimed that his device enabled anyone buried alive to set an electric bell ringing on the top of the grave by pressing a button inside the coffin.

OPIUM RAID.

REVENUE OFFICER'S SMART CAPTURE.

As the result of a raid made by Senior Revenue Officer Watt on the first floor of No. 2 Peel Street yesterday afternoon, two Chinese women were charged before Mr. R. E. Lindsell this morning with the unlawful possession of non-Government opium.

The S.R.O. was met on the landing by first accused who immediately dashed into a cubicle. Mr. Watt followed on her heels and saw her lift a corner of a bed mattress and make a movement as if to throw something underneath. He grabbed her wrist and found a one tael tin of opium in her hand. Second accused was in the cubicle but the S.R.O. did not see her make any movement.

Mr. Horace Lo, for the defence, said second accused was willing to assume responsibility and submitted that his Worship should discharge No. 1 after hearing her evidence. In the witness box first accused said No. 2 put the tin of opium under her (No. 1's) mattress just before Mr. Watt entered. She demonstrated with No. 2 and was in the act of taking out the tin to return to second accused when the S.R.O. grabbed her hand.

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MOTOR CYCLING MISHAP.

Mr. A. J. Reeves was driving his motor cycle and sidecar in Kowloon yesterday morning when at the junction of Hankow and Salisbury Roads he was compelled to swerve to avoid two rickshaws. The cycle dashed into a lamp standard and was damaged to the extent of \$100. Fortunately neither Mr. Reeves nor the passenger in the sidecar suffered any injury.

AN ILLUSION.

The Incompatibility of Marxism.

NATIONALIST CHINA.

A refutation of the idea that Communism could be adapted and incorporated into the national life of China appears in the April issue of the Journal of the Commercial Association (a Hong Kong University publication).

The article is by Mr. J. D. Bush, well known in the local commercial community.

"The Nationalists in China," he says in the course of the article, "may as well cease hugging the illusion that the Soviet Russian model can ever pretend to be a democracy for the justice and liberty-loving Chinese people. To adopt the Soviet Russian model is tantamount to overthrowing the Manchu autocracy in order to set up another more autocratic autocracy. In a word, Bolshevism in Russia to-day is no whit less tyrannical than the Tsarist regime."

"Bolshevism and Fascism, the inverted Bolshevism, are the worst fanaticism, superstition and inquisition that have ever grown out of humanity. Such economic and political creeds can never gain a firm foothold in China for reason, explained in an Anglo-Chinese Weekly in Shanghai. 'For China it is a country of handicraftsmen and merchants; a country accustomed to an extraordinary small amount of central government. In such a country Communism is technically and psychologically impossible.'"

"The prospect of industrial peace during this year depends, of course, upon the extent to which wiser counsels, sanity and sweet reasonableness prevail in the minds of the Nationalists, who are literally trying to do the impossible—hitching together the three forces of Nationalism—Labour and Marxist Internationalism. Nationalism and Labour may settle down soberly to work and travel together on the road of progress, as has been seen in English economic history, but to add an erratic, mad horse like Marxist Internationalism, is to assume the reins of the trickiest team in the politico-economic world, which may plunge the Nationalist movement in China into the abyss of destruction."

Other interesting articles appearing in the current number of the Journal of Commercial Association include: "The Piece Goods Contract in Hong Kong" by G. W. Keeton; "Short Notes On Current Indian Economic Topics" by V. F. Vicajee; "Adam Smith," by Theng Khay Hua; "Forestry as a Commercial Undertaking," by H. Green; the Editorial by B. M. Talati and his "Who's Who" of Commercial Graduates.

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SMALL POX DEATH SEQUEL.

As the result of being inoculated with vaccine other than vaccine lymph provided by the Government, a Chinese woman living at Kowloon City died of small pox.

Following investigation, the police prosecuted a Chinese man who was alleged to have used the defective vaccine and being in possession of a document which he thought was a certificate he had continued to inoculate people using the supposed certificate as his authority. The validity of this document had not been questioned until now.

A fine of \$200 was imposed.

FATAL LANDSLIDE.

A fatal landslide occurred in Tinsham village, Ngautsewan yesterday afternoon, when a big fall of earth and rocks buried a coolie engaged on some excavation work on the hillside. The body was dug out by the police and taken to the Kowloon mortuary.

My experience is that the strong language is always the weak idea.

—Mr. Ramsay MacDonald.

Deity is a brute fact—as much a brute fact in the universe as water and fire.

—Prof. B. Alexander.

MISSION WORK.

OPTIMISM OF LOCAL MINISTER.

CHINA'S PROBLEMS.

An optimistic note in regard to the future of mission work in China was struck by the Rev. W. W. Rogers in the course of an address at the Helena May Institute, the occasion being an At Home given by the Vice-Chairman and Committee of the Victoria Diocesan Association.

It seemed to him, said Mr. Rogers, that those who knew the mission field of China were justified in looking ahead to a time when China would be free from the attentions of the Bolshevik agitator. The primary lead would then be for trained leaders. Unless Christianity was to remain an exotic growth it must be represented in China by a Chinese Church, Chinese controlled, Chinese supported and ministered to by trained Chinese workers.

Canton was making a mighty effort to rid herself of the Red element and if she was successful, then what was known as the anti-Christian movement would die a natural death. It had been deliberately engineered and would collapse with the fall of the "Reds." Missionary societies would then be able to carry on their work in China, work which in view of the ideals which Christianity stood for was one of the strongest barriers against Bolshevism.

Other speakers were Mr. P. S. Cassidy, who presided over the meeting, and the Rev. C. B. Shann.

OUR \$50 PRIZE.

RESULT OF THE FINAL PUZZLE.

The "China Mail" has pleasure in announcing the result of last week's Cross-Word Puzzle Competition which has been won by three competitors with only two errors each. These three competitors are:—

Miss Ritta C. P. Xavier,
1, Humphreys Avenue,
Kowloon.

Miss C. H. Ismail,
159, Wungneichong Road.

Miss M. Ribetio,
526, Nathan Road
(President Apartments),
Kowloon.

In accordance with the rules the \$50 prize will be divided among these three competitors and cheques will be sent to them four days hence under registered cover, together with the congratulations of the "China Mail".

The correct solutions are as follows:—

Across.
1, RECUSE; 5, CHAD; 9, CUT; 11, TAR; 13, ATE; 14, AFEAR; 17, LORNA; 20, CIRCUITY; 21, PELVIC; 22, TRAIT; 23, SE; 24, DE; 25, SE; 26, DENTAL; 27, TO; 29, TOR; 30, OS; 33, QUARK; 35, PRETENSE; 38, TALARIA; 40, ISA; 41, HIT; 42, LX; 43, NITRE; 44, LOESS; 46, WU; 48, TA; 49, LA; 50, YELLOW; 52, NOS; 53, TERCE; 56, WHAT; 58, SHY; 59, ATE; 62, EN; 63, TO; 64, SENT; 65, PUDDY; 66, TON.

Down.

2, ENFIRE; 3, STRUT; 4, EA; 6, HUSV; 7, AT; 8, DELF; 9, CURRET; 10, TRACK; 12, ROTHER; 14, ACTS; 15, ERA; 16, ACID; 18, OLD; 19, NI; 21, PEASE; 23, STORAX; 25, DO; 28, LATHE; 29, TELLS; 31, BESIT; 32, SECESSION; 33, QUELL; 34, KAISER; 35, FILULA; 36, TIN; 37, NATANT; 39, AT; 45, OATHS; 46, WE; 47, HOW; 50, YET; 51, WHEY; 54, EYE; 55, CAT; 57, AN; 60, EF; 61, AD; 63, TO.

VISITOR'S POCKET PICKED.

Within 24 hours of his arrival in the Colony, a Chinese from Haiphong was the victim of pick pockets. On Sunday he had changed some Haiphong notes into Hong Kong money in Wing Lok Street and was walking towards his boarding house when he felt a tug at his breast pocket. The visitor seized a man next to him and actually saw the notes passed to another man who ran away, and succeeded in evading arrest.

Yesterday afternoon the arrested man was charged before Major C. Willson, Mr. W. B. Hind and Mr. J. D. Bush.

The defence was that accused, who was a medical man, was wrongly arrested. He submitted to search by the complainant and when nothing was found on him demanded compensation from complainant. Just then a Chinese constable came up and arrested accused.

His Worship was impressed with the clearness of the complainant's evidence and convicted accused. Sentence of two months' hard labour was passed.

WAR ON THE REDS.

(Continued from Page 1.)

In Anhui there is no fighting, but on the contrary the Anhui troops are threatening Chang Tsung-chang's flank on the Taihu railway.

Foreign messages from Hankow daily report that considerable Nationalist forces are being despatched up the Pehai Railway in Honan to the Border.—Reuter.

YANGTSE INCIDENT.

British Gunboat Answers Shore Fire.

Rugby, April 27.

One of the latest incidents in the Yangtse region is the attack which was made yesterday near Chinkiang on the British gunboat "Cockchafer."

The "Cockchafer" returned the fire with her main armament of two six inch guns.

The "Cockchafer" was the gunboat concerned in the Wansien action, where her commanding officer, Commander Acheson, was wounded.—British Wireless Service.

The White Flag.

Nanking, April 27.

H.M.S. "Cockchafer" has again been subject to fire from the shore, this time from Hsiakwan, the suburb of Nanking which the Southerners are holding against a bombardment from Pukow.

The "Cockchafer" replied to the fire with machine guns.

The white flag has been hoisted at Wu Lung Sha forts and Morrison Point.

There was little firing across the river yesterday.—British Naval Wireless.

EARLIER MESSAGES.

Policy of United States Criticised.

London, April 27.

The "Times" in a leader referring to President Coolidge's speech expresses the opinion that he is not very enlightening in regard to American policy in China. It says that Washington is piling up "reasons for hesitation."

The President most earnestly desires that in China at any rate the United States should not be exposed to the charges of imperialism and aggression levelled against other countries. He therefore tends rather to understate the American case in China; but the Chinese extremists do not make the fine distinctions which apparently are necessary in the presidential speech.

The American warships' fire at Nanking saved Americans. The clearer voice of America was then heard, but when it is a question of Notes, policies and deliberate co-operation with other Powers there are so many reasons for hesitation in far off Washington where the echoes gradually die away.—Reuter's American Service.

"EFFICIENCY."

Hankow's Tired Postal Censors.

Shanghai, April 27.

A message from Hankow, dated the 21st says that the Government Telegraphs have cancelled "Receiver to Pay" Press privileges and are compelling payment in advance. Correspondents being weighted down with the load of metal they are now compelled to carry as silver dollars are the only currency accepted.

Mountains of mail are lying in the post office, the tired censors finding it less fatiguing and equal.

RISE TO FAME.

PLOUGHBOY WHO BECAME SENATOR.

MR. A. J. BEVERIDGE DEAD.

Indianapolis, April 27.

The death is announced of the former Senator Albert Beveridge.—Reuter's American Service.

Albert Jeremiah Beveridge was born on a farm in Ohio in 1862. The family moved to Illinois after the war. From the age of twelve the future Senator led a life of privation, first as a ploughboy, then as a railroad labourer, a logger, and a teamster, all before he was fifteen, at which age he first attended high school. Later he went to college and a university. Later he read law in the office of Senator McDonald, where he became managing clerk. He was admitted to the bar in 1887 and was associated with McDonald and Butler until he began practice for himself. He was identified with many important cases and became known as an orator and Republican campaign speaker. In 1899 he became Senator from Indiana and held that post until 1911. Mr. Beveridge wrote a number of books, including "The Russian Advance" (1903), "The Bible as Good Reading" (1906), and "What is at the Back of the War" (1916). He took a keen interest in natural history, antiquities, arts and letters.

LABOUR CHARTER DECISION.

The Hague, April 26.

The First Chamber has passed a Bill authorising adherence to the Washington Labour Convention subject to reservations.—Reuter.

ly effective in suppressing counter revolutionary propaganda to stop the delivery of mails altogether than to go through the masses of letters.

Twenty-one sacks of Japanese incoming mail were seized to-day by the Political Bureau, all express letters being confiscated. Absolutely no news matter is allowed to enter the port.

Foreigners no longer use the post office, but are forwarding their letters in care of travelling friends.—Reuter.

HANKOW DANGERS.

Further Evacuation of Males Ordered.

Shanghai, April 27.

A message from Hankow, dated the 21st says that the British Consul-General has ordered the evacuation of all male British residents in the city who have no absolutely essential work to do.—Reuter.

Japanese Bluejackets.

Tokyo, April 26.

The Navy office announces that 1,000 bluejackets are being despatched shortly for the protection of Japanese residents in the Yangtse Valley, though as reliefs rather than as reinforcements, as the cruisers "Kuma" and "Abukuma" and seven destroyers are being withdrawn in the near future.—Reuter.

Apology to Captain.

Shanghai, April 27.

The Captain of H.M.S. "Caradoc" has received an apology.—Reuter.

A message from Wuhu dated April 25, stated that Chinese sentries threatened with rifles the Captain of H.M.S. "Caradoc" and several Americans who were proceeding ashore. A protest was lodged.

NEW AIR LAWS.

Women Pilots' Equal Rights.

LEAGUE PLANES' PRIVILEGES.

Rugby, April 27.

A new distress sign for the world's code of air signals was considered and adopted by the International Commission for Air Navigation which ended its sittings in London to-day.

In future any aircraft which is in difficulties not serious enough to warrant the S.O.S. will send out the international signal of P.A.N., which is an abbreviation of the French word for breakdown.

Medical qualifications for male pilots were also examined by the conference and a complete chart of qualities, physical and mental, which constitute the perfect pilot, was drawn up.

A decision that in future women can qualify for certificates in aviation was also reached. This means that even the heaviest class of machines are

NEARLY READY.

Air Traffic Agreement With Germany.

Rugby, April 27.

Sir Philip Cunliffe Lister, President of the Board of Trade stated in the House of Commons that negotiations with Germany for an annual air traffic agreement were making good progress, and he hoped it would be possible to sign the agreement at an early date.—British Wireless Service.

thrown open to women pilots, the only provision being that women aviators shall be re-examined medically once in three months, instead of six, as in the case of men.

To navigate an air liner a woman would not only have to be a first class pilot, but her muscular development and general strength would have to be much above the average, and this decision, although it removes any grievance that may be entertained by women pilots, makes it unlikely that many will be employed except on small machines.

Another interesting decision is that in future all machines engaged on League of Nations work, urgent or otherwise, will have painted across their lettering a broad line which will ensure every facility wherever they go. If a crisis arose in Europe the League of Nations would be able, if necessary, to send out a fleet of aeroplanes so marked.

Regulations which will make for the still greater safety of airways were passed and approved. Pilots following a railway or a canal will keep to the left and will only cross at right angles.

A new chapter concerning the standard minimum requirements for airworthiness certificates was also adopted.—British Wireless Service.

FORMER PEKING MAN.

AMERICAN MINISTER TO IRISH FREE STATE.

London, April 27.

Mr. Frederick A. Sterling, Counsellor to the American Embassy at London has been appointed Minister to the Irish Free State.—Reuter.

[Mr. Frederick Augustine Sterling was the owner and manager of a cattle ranch for eight years and a manufacturer of woollen goods for three years. He began his career as a diplomat in the Embassy at Petrograd in 1911, where he served first as third and then as second secretary. From 1914 to 1915 he was second secretary at the Legation in Peking, and from 1915 to 1916 second secretary at Petrograd again. From 1916 to 1918 he was acting chief of the Division of Western European Affairs at Washington. From 1918 to 1921 he was first secretary and counsellor at the Embassy at Paris, and from 1921 to 1923 counsellor to the Embassy at Lima, Peru. In 1923 he was appointed counsellor to the Embassy at London.]

MEXICO ALSO WILLING.

Mexico City, April 27.

Commenting on the references to Mexico in President Coolidge's speech, President Calles declared that he believed, with President Coolidge, that it was not only possible but easy to reach an amicable settlement of all difficulties.—Reuter's American Service.

PERSIA LOOKING AHEAD.

Tehran, April 27.

The Shah in opening the Supreme Court of Justice, hoped that extraterritorial privileges would eventually be abolished.—Reuter.

EMPIRE DEFENCE.

NEW ZEALAND'S HELPING HAND.

£1,100,000 FOR SINGAPORE.

Rugby, April 27.

Mr. Stanley Baldwin, the Prime Minister of New Zealand, in an announcement of the intention of His Majesty's Government in New Zealand to submit to the New Zealand Parliament a proposal relating to a naval defence, including the contribution of £1,000,000 towards the cost of the Singapore Base, has been received with deep interest by His Majesty's Government in Great Britain.

"We are glad the discussions at the recent Imperial Conference should so speedily have been followed up in this manner, and I should like, on behalf of my colleagues and myself, to express warm appreciation of the measures proposed for increasing the share which New Zealand takes in the naval defence of the Empire.—British Wireless Service.

Newspapers Approve.

Wellington, April 27. The "New Zealand Press" approves Mr. Coates' naval proposals, including the contribution of £1,000,000 to the Singapore Base.—Reuter.

COLONIAL PROBLEMS

24 PARTS OF EMPIRE IN LONDON CONFERENCE.

London, April 27.

The officials of 24 self-governing Colonies, Protectorates and Mandated Territories, including eight Governors, will attend the Colonial Office Conference which the Secretary for Colonies, Mr. L. M. S. Amery opens on May 10. The conference is expected to last three weeks. The agenda covers questions of general administration, economic questions relating to trade and communications and problems of technical services.

[The main object of the conference is to secure more effective co-operation among the various Colonial governments in matters of general interest. Hong Kong will be represented by Mr. S. B. B. McElderry.]

A STORM IN A TEACUP.

London, April 27.

Sir Edward Grigg, Governor of Kenya Colony, interviewed by Reuter, referring to a statement which is reported to have caused indignation in India that he declined to receive the Kenya Indian delegation to London, said he received Mr. Jivanji, the head of the delegation, and expressed willingness to see the delegation after Easter, but he wrote to Mr. Jivanji that without the permission of the Secretary of State it was impossible for him to receive Indians whom he, Sir Edward Grigg, did not know to be residents of Kenya.—Reuter.

NICARAGUA MEDIATION.

Managua, April 27.

Mr. Stimson, a former United States Secretary for War, whom President Coolidge sent to report on the affairs of Nicaragua, has invited the Liberal leader Sacasa to meet him to discuss the situation, offering to place a destroyer at his disposal and to guarantee him safe conduct.—Reuter's American Service.

The Englishman is the most incurably sentimental animal in the world.—Mr. Baldwin.

Women should never be taken seriously, for they are rarely serious.—Signor Mussolini.

ECONOMY EDUCATION.

The Board of Education does realise the need for economy. There is no decline in its estimate of the cost of education for 1927. In fact, it raises the total by £173,877 to 53 millions sterling, but expenses have been sedulously pruned.

The Board does not stop at reducing the grants for elementary education by nearly £400,000 and increasing those for higher education by £354,000.

A sum of £23,000 is saved on salaries and allowances, while pensions to teachers increase by £75,800 and public education in Scotland rises by £152,000.

And there is the illuminating case of the charwomen. Five of the 50 employed by the Board are paid 18s. a week. They are to be replaced at 17s.—as vacancies occur.

Shadows Before.

COMING EVENTS ANNOUNCED IN THE "MAIL."

Entertainments.

April 28—Queen's Theatre: "The Unholy Three."

April 28—World Theatre: "The Freshman."

April 28—Star Theatre: "Big Brother."

April 28—Ten Dance at Cafe Restaurant Parisien, from 4.30 to 6.30 p.m.

April 29—Concert for Service men at the "Cheer O." Y.M.C.A., Chater Road.

April 29-30—Grand performance by Prof. Harry Plesier, Lee Theatre, Percival St., Happy Valley, 9.15 p.m.

May 2—Dance at R. E. Theatre, Wellington Barracks under the Auspices of the Royal Engineers and Royal Corps of Signals Junior Dance Club, 8.30 p.m.

Sports.

April 30—Postponed Hunt Meeting of the Fanling Hunt, 3.15 p.m.

April 30—Closing cruise of the R.H.K. Yacht Club, 3 p.m.

May 5—Royal Artillery Athletic Meeting, United Services Recreation ground, Kowloon, 2 p.m. each day.

May 5—Third extra race meeting of the H.K. Jockey Club, Race Course, Happy Valley.

May 24—Meeting of Fanling Hunt Steeplechases.

Meetings.

April 28—Annual meeting of the Hong Kong General Chamber of Commerce, City Hall, 4 p.m.

May 7—Third annual meeting of China Underwriters, Ltd., St. George's Bldg., 11.30 a.m.

May 17—Forty-sixth annual meeting of the Canton Insurance Co., Messrs. Jardine Matheson's offices, noon.

May 20—Fifty-fourth meeting of Union Insurance Society of Canton, Union Bldg., 11 a.m.

May 20—Sixty-first annual meeting of British Traders' Ins., Co., Ltd., Union Building, 11.14 a.m.

May 20—Fifty-eighth yearly meeting of China Fire Ins., Co., Ltd., Union Building, 11.15 a.m.

Lammert's Auction.

May 3—Valuable household furniture, at Messrs. Lammert Bros' Sale Room, 2.30 p.m.

Land Sale.

May 2—Sale of Crown land at Mong Kok Tsui, by public auction at the Offices of the Public Works Department, 3 p.m.

Lecture.

April 28—Weekly public lecture of the H.K. Lodge, Theosophical Society, 6 p.m.

April 29—Jumble sale at City Hall, in aid of the funds of the Hong Kong Benevolent Society, 3.30 p.m.

April 29—Meeting of finance committee of Legislative Council, in Council Chamber, 9.30 a.m.

May 2—Dinner and Concert at Volunteer Headquarters 7.45 p.m.

May 3—Quarry Bay School holds spring festival, 11 a.m. Launch for visitors leaves Murray Pier 10-20 a.m.

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A godown at No. 12B, Kiangso Road, in Shanghai where 70,000 taels damage was caused by the fire when the Cantonese dispatched the Northerners.

LOCAL AND GENERAL NEWS.

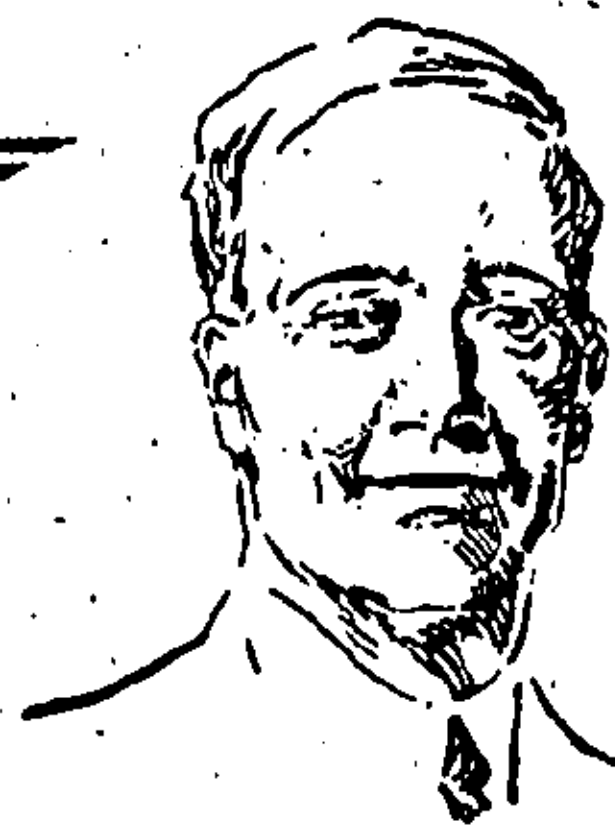
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WELCOME

The Finance Committee of the Legislative Council meet at 9.30 a.m. to-morrow in the Council Chamber.

In aid of the funds of the Hong Kong Benevolent Society, a jumble sale is being held at the City Hall to-morrow, beginning at 3.30 p.m.

During last year the Calcutta Society for the Prevention of Cruelty to Animals conducted 21,404 prosecutions and secured convictions in 21,027 cases. The fines totalled Rs.1,18,240, as against Rs.1,17,368 in 1925.

An ex-Service man, John Flynn, 32, of Buchanan Street, Blackpool, who has been deaf and dumb since he was wounded in the head in France in 1915, has recovered his speech. While playing football at Liverpool he was kicked in the throat. He then found that his power of speech had returned. Mr. Flynn astonished a friend when, on returning to Blackpool, he greeted him with: "Hallo, how are you?"

Trombone players are apparently at a discount in London nowadays. When Mr. Augustus John gave a party in his Chelsea studio he tried without success to find someone to play the brass cavalry trombone that he bought a little while ago. So, except when one of the more energetic guests, like the Hon. Evan Morgan, tried to play it, one was forced to dance to the strain of a more conventional gramophone or piano.

At a general meeting of the creditors of the Earl of Kinnoull at the London Bankruptcy Court a resolution was passed in favour of an offer to provide a sum of £4,000, which, in addition to £1,147 realised from the estate, will pay a composition of about 7s. in the £. The earl failed in February 1926 with total liabilities £26,972, of which £12,959 was expected to rank, against assets valued at £587. The failure was attributed to the earl having lived beyond his means, heavy interest charges, and commissions for introductions to money-lenders.

The engagement is announced of the Rev. C. B. Shann, Warden of the St. John's Hall, the University, to Miss Mabel Dwyer, of the Diocesan Girls' School, daughter of the late Martin L. Dwyer, of Reepham, Norfolk.

The Queen is the possessor of a considerably larger private fortune than is generally known, although her parents left her little (observes a "Sunday Chronicle" writer). For this her innately economical temperament is largely responsible, while upon occasions in the past she has proved herself to be a very shrewd investor indeed. While she likes to rely very largely upon her own judgment in financial matters, she has the advantage of being advised in this direction by one of the shrewdest and oldest members of the Stock Exchange.

The news that the King of Denmark has been bicycling on the Riviera seems to have attracted a good deal of attention, but he is far from being the only Royalty in Europe who still favours the humble push-bike (observes a "Daily Chronicle" writer). Although few people know it, our own princes often go for a spin. Their bicycling, however, is confined to the ground of Buckingham Palace, where no one but the residents in Grosvenor Palace, overlooking the Palace gardens, ever see them. Prince George, in particular, enjoys cycling.

The Marchioness Curzon has informed "The Daily Mail" that a marriage has been arranged and will shortly take place between Miss Marcella Duggan, her daughter, and Mr. Edward Rice, a London barrister. When the rumour of this engagement became public a fortnight before, Lady Curzon issued a denial. Miss Duggan, a beautiful girl of 19, is the daughter of the Marchioness Curzon by her first marriage to Mr. Alfred Duggan, who owned large estates in the Argentine and died leaving nearly £4,000,000. In 1917 Miss Duggan's mother married the late Marquess Curzon, who died in 1925, the marquessate becoming extinct. Mr. Rice, who is 27, is the elder son of Mr. Henry Rice, of Dane Court, Kent, and the late Hon. Mrs. Rice. Mr. Rice, who was at the Marchioness Curzon's house in Carlton House Terrace, W., told a "Daily Mail" reporter that no date had yet been fixed for the wedding.

Valuable household-furniture will be auctioned by Messrs. Lammert Bros. at their Duddell Street sales rooms at 2.30 p.m. on Tuesday.



Governor John Hamill, of Iowa, who declares that President Coolidge's veto of the McNary-Haugen farm relief bill will cost the President votes of the West and Middle West. "I am sure," he says, "that a special effort will be made to select at the next national convention a man whom the agricultural interests regard as in sympathy with their programme."

"Week-at-a-time" shops are the latest invention of the Society shop-keeper. The idea has been evolved by certain debutantes, who want an occupation which does not tie them down to business all the time. Three or four friends club together to start a little dress shop or other sort of business. Each takes turn for a week at a time to act as saleswoman and manage the business (says the "Daily Chronicle"). Apart from the leisure that it gives the proprietors, one advantage is that small shops of this kind are so dependent upon personal introductions for customers that a group of girls can find more customers than one individual can muster.

Wednesday's return of notifiable disease in the Colony comprised four Chinese cases, all from the city registration district. Three of them had enteric fever (typhoid) and the other had cerebro-spinal fever.

I was shown several bottles of 27-years-old champagne which had just been bought from young Lord Jersey's family cellar, says the "Daily Mail's" gossip writer. To my surprise I learned that there is every likelihood of champagne, even as old as that, keeping in good condition if carefully looked after. Most people believe that 15 years is as long as champagne will remain sound. More surprising still was the information that some people contend that they enjoy champagne even when it is as flat as draught beer.

The recent night raids by Oxford undergraduates on the Women's College, St. Hilda's Hall, have had a sequel. Recently an undergraduate climbed a stack pipe late at night, opened a window, and fell into the bursar's bed-room. A chase was given, but the intruder made his escape. To prevent further raids of this kind barred wire has now been placed round the piping and also in front of the window through which the undergraduate had entered. It is said that if the raids continue spiked railings similar to those which adorn Somerville College may be placed on the eight-foot walls which intruders have to surmount to carry out their escapades.

A woman's age is usually an ungallant subject. But Miss Adele Astaire, that most popular actress, broaches the subject to me herself. Apparently someone has stated publicly and churlishly that she is 30 years old. "It is bad enough to be really 28," she writes, "without having people add two years more. I suppose it is the penalty of always having been truthful about my age—so from now on I am 21!" Miss Astaire and her brother, who were touring with "Lady Be Good" in the Midlands, have returned to London, and will remain there for some weeks before returning to America.

SOCIAL AND PERSONAL NEWS.

More than 200 people were present at the dance last night of the Corporation of the 2nd Batt. King's Own Scottish Borderers, held in the R. E. Theatre, Wellington Barracks. The Battalion Band provided the dance music and the Pipers played to the Scottish dances. Lt. Col. L. J. Comyn (officer commanding) and Mrs. Comyn were present. Lady Clementi, H.E. Major-General C. C. Luard (G.O.C.) and Mrs. Luard were unable to attend and sent expressions of regret.



General Carmona, Portuguese President, Premier and Military Dictator, photographed after the termination of the revolution, which he successfully suppressed.

If the report that M. Venizelos, "the great Cretan," has consented to stand again for the Greek Presidency is correct, he must have changed his mind very recently. Only a short while ago he stated most emphatically that he had "quit politics for good" and nothing would induce him to alter his decision, remarks a London gossip writer. M. Venizelos has aged considerably of late, and he no longer looks equal to the strain of governing under present-day conditions in Greece. Further, the many threats against his life since he left office have not been without effect upon his nerves; so much so that when staying in hotels he only admits the most intimate friends to his private rooms. Other visitors, whose bona fides are always carefully verified, are received in the presence of other people in the public lounge.

The Prince of Wales is expected to make his debut as a yachtsman this year, but for a start he will content himself with the small-boat class (says a "Sunday Chronicle" writer). Already H.R.H. has given a cup for the sporting 14 feet National dinghy class, and it is possible that he will have one of this class built for himself. He may then have the unusual prospect of racing for his own cup.

One can now ring up a Cowes telephone number and book a suite of rooms in what was a Royal residence, and occupy the actual apartments used by members of our own Royal Family when Osborne Cottage was Princess Beatrice's home (says the "London Evening News"). Osborne Cottage, which has many a sentimental link with Victorian days, was a gift of Queen Victoria to her youngest daughter on her marriage to Prince Henry of Battenberg, and it was there that Princess Ena, now Queen of Spain, spent her childhood. When the place was built it cost several thousand pounds, and £1,000 was spent on the installation of central heating and other modern improvements. It has now been bought by a member of the old aristocracy, who declines to divulge his name, and it is to be run, under his control, on the lines of a residential hotel. His wife, a well-known hostess, will make a fitting châteline.

A couple of years ago Sir Charles Forbes of Newe, Aberdeenshire, sold this estate, after it had been in the possession of his family four and a half centuries, and settled in London (says the "Star"). Now Castle Newe has been disposed of by the new owners for demolition, and thus passes a fine old Highland home which some 40 years ago and more was a rendezvous for celebrities of the then "Princes of Wales" or Marlborough House set, for its châteline in those days was one of "the lovely Moncreiffe" sisters. The daughters of this Lady Forbes of Newe are Mrs. John Brinton, formerly Mrs. James of West Dean Park and Mrs. John Blundell Leigh. Castle Newe is partly old and partly modern; the older part dating from 1604 and the newer, with its great tower 90 feet high, having been built in 1831. It is in one of the most picturesque parts of Strathdon, and was full of treasures of most kinds.

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A WEEK'S PAPERS IN ONE.

THE "OVERLAND CHINA MAIL."

All those at Home who are interested, directly or indirectly, in Hong Kong and its relations with China will be pleased to have heard the re-assuring statement by Mr. G. Locker Lampson.

That very informative, but nevertheless brief, announcement has served as an appetiser. Further news is wanted.

Business houses in Hong Kong should tell their connections what conditions are prevailing. Individuals should keep their friends posted as to events. Why has trade between Hong Kong and South China improved?

The "Overland China Mail" will answer for you, a number of questions which are always cropping up. Each day's China cables, reports and local news will be found on reference to an index in each issue. For reading or for reference, the "Overland" is equally useful.

This week's "Overland" tells clearly and concisely how a net is spreading around the Chinese Communists at Hankow; how the anti-foreign party is beset with a food shortage, an economic crisis and impending invasion; how foreign vessels have been wantonly attacked, with casualties to an American gunboat; how a British hulk was burned by mischief makers; how the series of startling events at Canton affects Hong Kong—all with footnotes and explanations which tell non-Chinese what they keenly wish to know about China.

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CHINA'S RESOURCES.

OUTLOOK FOR COAL AND IRON.

"Coal and Iron in China," by Wilfred Smith, M.A., Tutor in Geography in the University of Liverpool. Hodder and Stoughton.

The results of the Chinese isolation for millennia are many misunderstandings and misconceptions which only time and goodwill on the part alike of Chinese and Westerners can remove, and a widespread ignorance of the country itself.

The physical history of China resolves itself into the process of the sedimentation of an old geosynclinal bounded on the west by the ancient massifs of Tibet and Gobi and on the east by an equally ancient continent of which only remnants now remain. The filling in of this Chinese basin seems to have progressed from east to west. Since the Ordovician North China, unlike South China, has never been deeply submerged, North and South China became differentiated from then onwards. The broad structural divisions are:

- (1) The North China Block.
- (2) The South China Plateaux.
- (3) The Mt. System of the for West.

The South China Plateaux consist of:

- (1) The Old Core of the south-east.
- (2) The Central Basins.
- (3) The South-Western Plateaux.
- (4) The Basin of Szechuan.

The basins of North Shensi and Szechuan are the only two regions in China which offer petroleum possibilities.

The largest coalfields of the Peking Basin, the Kaiping and the Fangshan-Wangping, are both within easy reach of Peking at once the capital and the focus of the Chinese Government railway system, and of Tientsin, the commercial centre of North China. Near is the smaller anthracite field of Shihmenchai just within the Great Wall. The trunk railway lines, penetrating southwards to the Yangtse valley, to both the Delta and the Central Basin, northward to South Manchuria, eastward to the Shantung coast and westward to the Mongolian border, have stimulated large-scale coal mining in nearly all the fields peripheral to the North China Plain. The most important field in Kwangtung is around Shaochow, in the upper basin of the Peikiang and overlooked by the Nanling range. Its seams vary in thickness up to 20 feet and its coals are bituminous, coking and of good quality. There is a smaller field, the Maoshan, with thinner seams in the immediate vicinity of Canton.

Of all the iron ore fields of China that along the Yangtse has the richest ores and is the most accessible. But its reserve is small, being estimated by the Survey at but 90 million tons. The Archean ores of South Manchuria have a reserve of 740 million tons, but they are predominantly of low grade and are workable only if they can be cheaply concentrated. The Pre-Cambrian ore field of the Peking Grid with a reserve of 92 million tons, has ores of rather poorer quality. Extraordinarily thin castings were made possible by reason of the high phosphorus content of many Chinese coals, particularly Shansi anthracite. Native Chinese iron retains some proportion of slag and ash. Foreign iron can, therefore, easily compete with it in the general market. Old iron of foreign origin, particularly horse-shoes, was imported into the coastal provinces and was consumed by local forges for the manufacture of agricultural implements.

YOUNG CHINA.

SOVIET-VOICE IN NEW PUBLICATION.

"China and the Nations" by Wong Ching-wai; Hopkins.

As Wong was the special intimate of Dr. Sun, and is the chairman of the Governing Committee of the Kuomintang his views demand careful and sympathetic consideration. However fantastic under present conditions some of his proposals may seem, it is very necessary for Britons to endeavour to understand the Kuomintang point of view. The book gives a lucid, readable if very ex-parte account of the dealings of the Powers with China from 1840 till the present troubles.

It is natural for a patriot enthusiast to minimise difficulties, to realise that his party is not master of China, and has no monopoly of virtues. It would be wiser if he started putting his own house in order, paying off the loans which make foreign supervision of the Customs a necessity, instead of expecting from foreigners an absolutely child-like trust in wordy protestations of security. Still enthusiasm can remove mountains, and Young China has admittedly some justification for its intractable attitude. They cannot help smarting under the burdens which international loans, manipulated by their war-lords, have laid upon them, Japan's 21 demands, foreign demonstrations of force (however inevitable during the anarchy of Civil War) nor are vassal states surrendered with indifference. China, it is announced, must never again be insulted by such phrases as 'The Integrity of Territory' or 'The Open Door Policy.' Soviet influence surely speaks in—"We must review our foreign debts and discriminate between those which justly demand payment and those which do not." A definition of the catch-cry Imperialism will interest every one—"The utilisation by any people of its political and military ascendancy, for subjecting to its economic encroachment some foreign country or territory or race."

sumed by local forges for the manufacture of agricultural implements. The coal resources of the Yangtse lie away back from the arterial waterway, and of the Sikiang are isolated in its upper reaches, so that the future development of the coal resources of the South and Centre largely awaits railway construction. Dependence on foreign capital will gradually disappear. The small Chinese investment of the past has been due to distrust of company administration. Whenever its administration becomes honest and confidence in it is established, the joint-stock company is likely to be financed by Chinese capital. The Chinese Bankers' Association has a membership of 32 and these Banks of the modern type finance industrial enterprises. The most conspicuous success has been experienced by amalgamated companies such as the Kailan and the Fuchung. Such concerns gain the advantage of foreign experience without the drawback of foreign domination. Japan is likely to depend on the coal resources of her neighbour as she now does on her iron. Kailan coal sent to Japan, Korea, the Philippines and Chinese ports has made Chinwangtao the largest coal-exporting port of all the Far East. The foundries and the shipbuilding of Hong Kong are dependent on imported American and European iron and steel.

China has only 950 million of the 22,000 million tons of iron ore in the world.

The maps in the pocket are of great value.

"EVOLUTION."

THEORY OF AMERICAN CLERGYMAN.

"Evolution Disproved," by the Rev. W. A. Williams, D.D.

One would like to know more of Franklin College, U.S.A.; the ingenious ex-President of which disproves monophyletic evolution in 50 arguments largely arithmetical. He starts with one on the increase of population according to Hales's chronology of the Septuagint which is apparently like many other reiterated statements—to be taken as infallible. The author has the trick, so frequently found in the atheistical writers he abominates, of stating what he considers his opponents must believe and then demolishing tenets which most of them have never dreamt of believing. In spite of endless figures this generation will hold a modified form of evolution whatever future views may be, but none the less does it still find God at work in the world he created.

VINTAGE OF TIME.

Some Curious Books.

Since William Caxton set up his wooden printing press at the Red Pale in the Almonry of Westminster, somewhere about the year 1476, a vast treasure of curious books has added to the gaiety of the nations.

Bookworm is a term of reproach, used at random by the illiterate, and only sometimes justifiable; but the bibliomane is not necessarily a dull person. Upheld by a sense of humour, he may be, like Omar, a king of easy liver, the jolliest fellow in a crowded square mile.

His is a limitless world. He is master of Time—and if he has leisure to study the second-hand shops his pleasure may return him material profits. Mr. W. G. Clifford, author of "Books in Bottles," is one of these happy collectors, and he specialises in the curious things of literature.

"Tracts" is not a title that would lure many. Mr. Clifford reaches it down from the shelf and turns the pages to "A New Project for the Destruction of Printing and Book-selling for the Benefit of the Learned World." Now, who could resist the volume? We learn that the publication of heretical books is to be obviated by the simple process of bottling speech in barrels for future use. "For," says the author, "sounds are nothing else but Air put in Motion, and striking the Organs of Hearing." How close that old Elizabethan was to the idea of the talking machine!

In a book published in 1774 Walpole described "some curious native of Lima" who shall visit London and give a sketch of the ruins of Westminster and St. Paul's. So much for Macaulay and his New Zealander.

As far back as 1650 Thomas Browne sought a cure for war. In his "Pseudodoxia Epidemica" he suggests that war-makers should be fed on sponges and destroyed. "As Daniel destroyed the dragon by a composition of three things, whereof neither was poison alone, nor properly all together, that is, pitch, fat and hair," Daniel, we learn, seethed these together into lumps. "These he put in the dragon's mouth, and so he burst asunder. That is, the fat and pitch, being cleaving bodies, and the hair continually extenuating the parts by the action of one nature was provoked to expel, but by the tenacity of the other forced to retain..." so that the dragon broke in pieces.

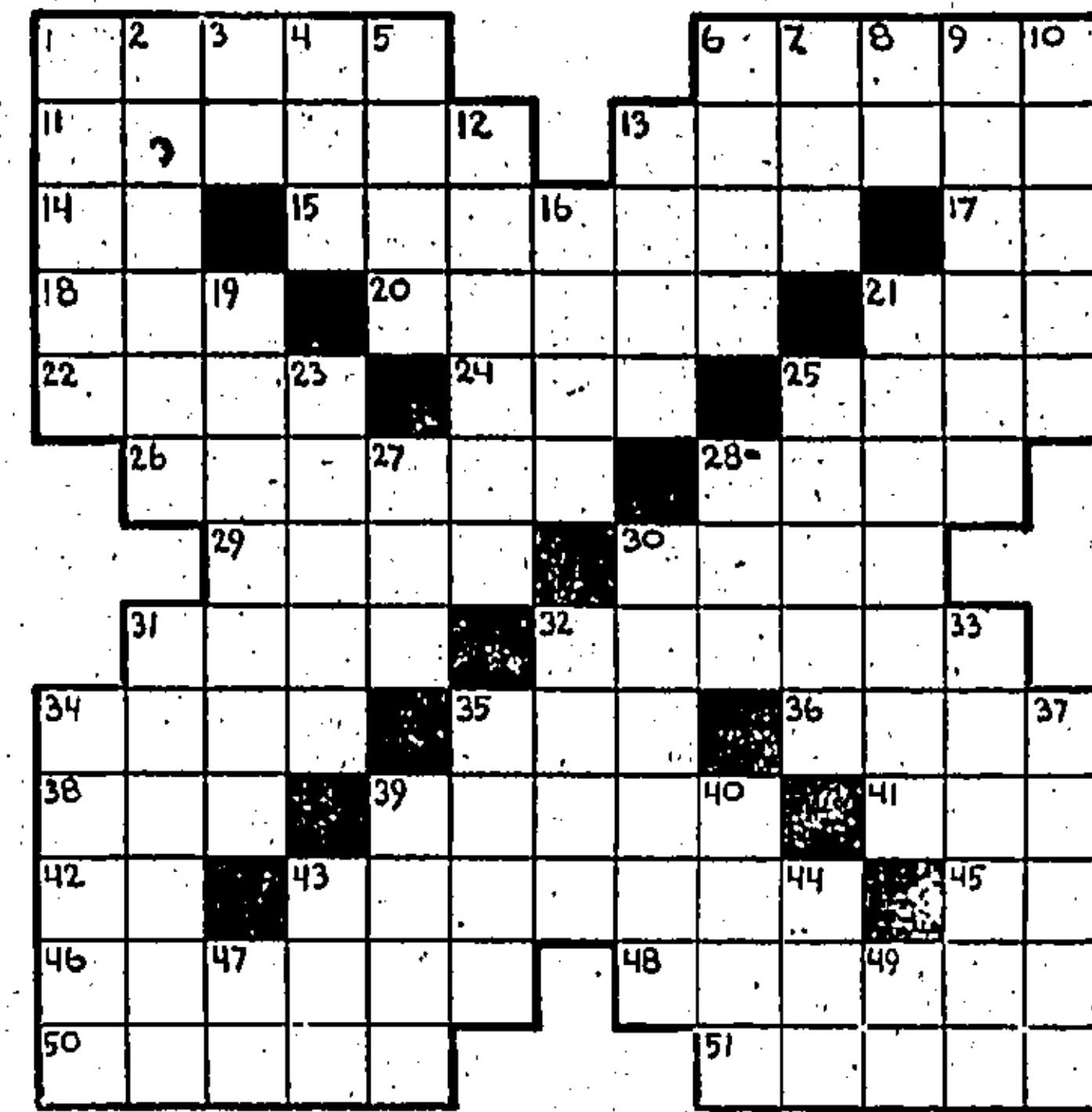
Reaching for Ingulph's "History of the Abbey of Crowland," written in 1081 Mr. Clifford gives us the origin of "England's most popular club," beginning:

"Wulsin, the barber, who coming before our community in public Parliament, made oath that he would be true and faithful to us, and would diligently perform his duties."

It is hoped that Mr. Clifford will go on "bottling" his library in the same manner. The wine is dry, and the connoisseurs should like it well. ("Books in Bottles," by W. G. Clifford, London, Geoffrey Bles.)

DAILY CROSS-WORD PUZZLE.

(This cross-word puzzle has been made by an expert but our readers are warned to look out for occasional phonetic spellings, such as harbor, plow, and altho.)



HORIZONTAL

- 1-Led at
- 6-Lift
- 11-Dreaded
- 13-Danceball position
- 14-Musical note
- 15-Enliven
- 17-Parent
- 18-Sin
- 20-Extra tire
- 21-Possesses
- 22-Stem of tall grass
- 23-Metal peg
- 24-Meaty; strong
- 25-Ran quickly
- 26-Girl's name (short)
- 29-Expired
- 30-Ship
- 31-Prevaricated
- 32-Messenger
- 34-Baton
- 35-Limb
- 36-Break
- 38-Urge
- 39-Heavy boat

HORIZONTAL (Cont.)

- 41-Mineral spring
- 42-Behold
- 43-Perils
- 45-Exile
- 46-Give
- 48-Hangs curtains
- 50-Comes down in frozen crystals
- 51-Part of a church

VERTICAL

- 1-Bid
- 2-Equipped with gears
- 3-S. State of U. S. (abbr.)
- 4-Period
- 5-Lairs
- 6-Proportion
- 7-Corrupted
- 8-Pronoun
- 9-Leaves of a calyx
- 10-Expunge
- 12-Scopped
- 15-Farm outbuilding

VERTICAL (Cont.)

- 16-Servant
- 19-Studying the literature of
- 21-Hurried
- 23-Evaporated
- 25-Listens to
- 27-Spread for drying, as grass
- 28-Rapids
- 30-Implored
- 31-Lake
- 32-Iceberg
- 33-Sword
- 34-Join by heat
- 35-Narrow road
- 37-Out of date
- 39-Flying mammal (pl.)
- 40-Mistakes
- 43-Bird
- 44-Undermine
- 47-Negative
- 49-Jumbled type

SUGGESTIONS FOR SOLVING CROSS-WORD PUZZLES
Start out by filling in the words of which you feel reasonably sure. These will give you a clue to other words crossing them, and they in turn will give you a clue to others. A letter belongs in each white space, words starting at numbered squares and running either horizontally or vertically or both.

(The solution of the above cross-word puzzle will appear in to-morrow's issue along with a new cross-word puzzle.)

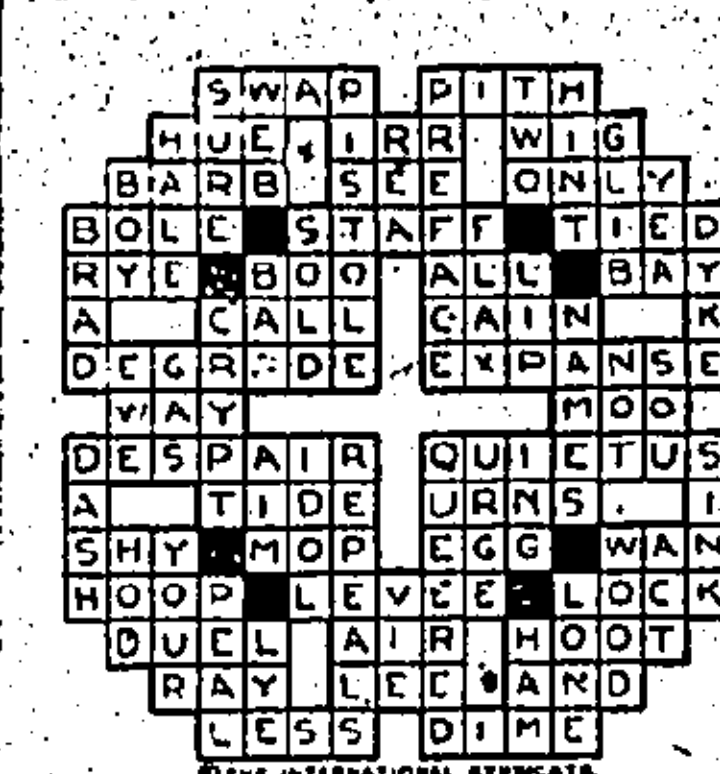
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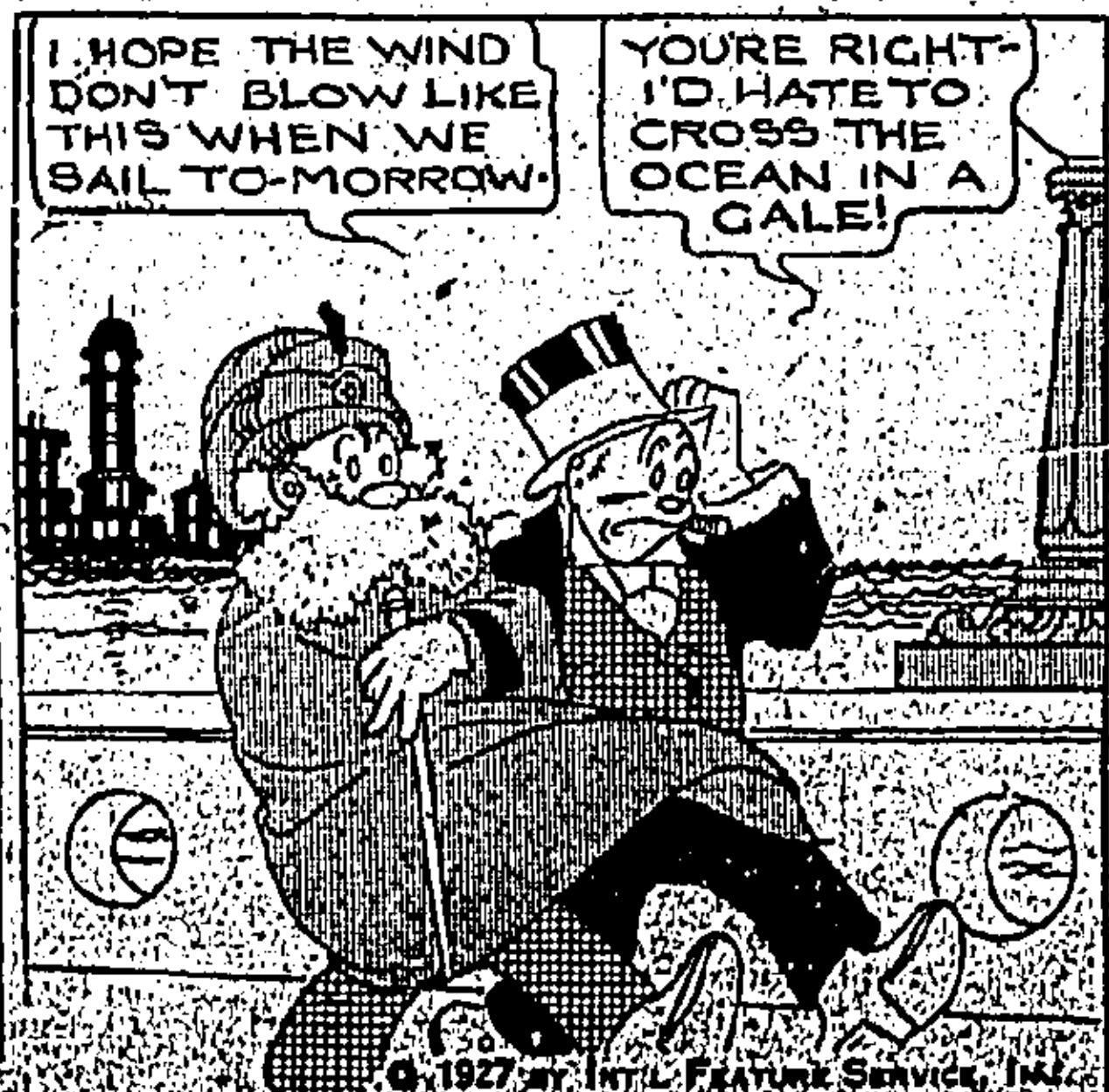
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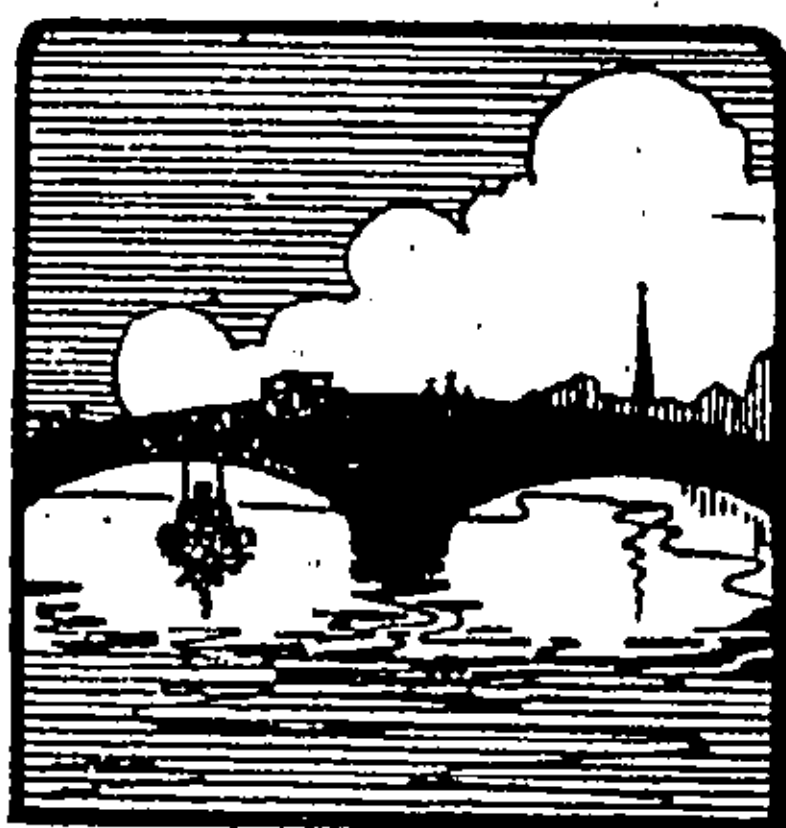
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THE WAY THE WORLD WAGS.

Mr. George Offer, of Peak Hill, Sydney, N.E., an electrical trade pioneer, will soon be 100.

Mrs. Sears, of Collingtree, near Northampton, has presented the Bishop of Peterborough with a motor-car.

Popular Finance Committee recommend a rate of 12s. 6d. in the £, the same as for the current half-year.

Mr. William Ingley, of Quarry Bank, South Staffordshire, who is retiring, has taught in one school for 51 years.

When a goods train crashed into the gates of a level crossing at Kilwinning, Ayrshire, five children were injured.

The Machine Tool Trades Association decided that the restriction on German machine tools should remain for the 1928 exhibition.

As a result of promises to improve the train services South-end Corporation will withdraw their opposition to the L.M.S. Railway Company's Bill.

A petition signed by 15,286 Londoners and others praying that vivisection might be prohibited by law was presented to the House of Commons.

Found lying on his bed, which was in flames, with his throat cut, Mr. Walter Fisher, occupier of a house in Halifax Road, Enfield, Middlesex, was removed to hospital.

Mr. C. Delisle Burns, Lecturer in Logic and Philosophy, University of London, has been appointed Lecturer in Citizenship at Glasgow University, at a salary of £1,000 a year.

Near Tadcaster, Yorkshire, a motor-lorry laden with lard, caught fire and the lard melted, ran in burning streams on the road, and set hedges and a telegraph pole on fire.

When some patients from Glamorgan County Mental Hospital, at Bridgend, were exercising, one of them, Bertram Johnson, of Abercynon, broke away and was fatally injured by a motor-ambulance.

The annual pigeon race organised by the M.P.s for Smethwick, Wednesbury, West Bromwich, King-Swinford, and Stourbridge for fanciers and charities in those constituencies will take place from Palace Yard, Westminster, on July 16.



Mr. Frank O. Lowden, former Governor of Illinois and a leader in the farm relief movement, who is being hoisted as Republican candidate for President of the United States.

Out of 1,321 Russian authors 1,061 had an income last year of only £20.

The charge for a foreigner's identity card in France is to be reduced from 375 to 100 francs (about 17s.).

Two new sets of picture post-cards popularised by the Natural History Museum, South Kensington, have been issued illustrating butterflies found in tropical South America and in Central and tropical America.

Sir Laming Worthington-Evans, the War Secretary, received at the War Office a deputation of the Council of County Territorial Associations and the County of London Association regarding the abolition of the Territorial Army bounty.

A man killed on the railway near Stourbridge, Worcestershire, has been identified as Mr. Thomas George Buchanan, of Ashstead, Surrey, of the Probate Department of the Bank of England who had been staying with a relative near Stourbridge.

The Queen inspected the Bradford Boys' Club, Commercial Road, E.

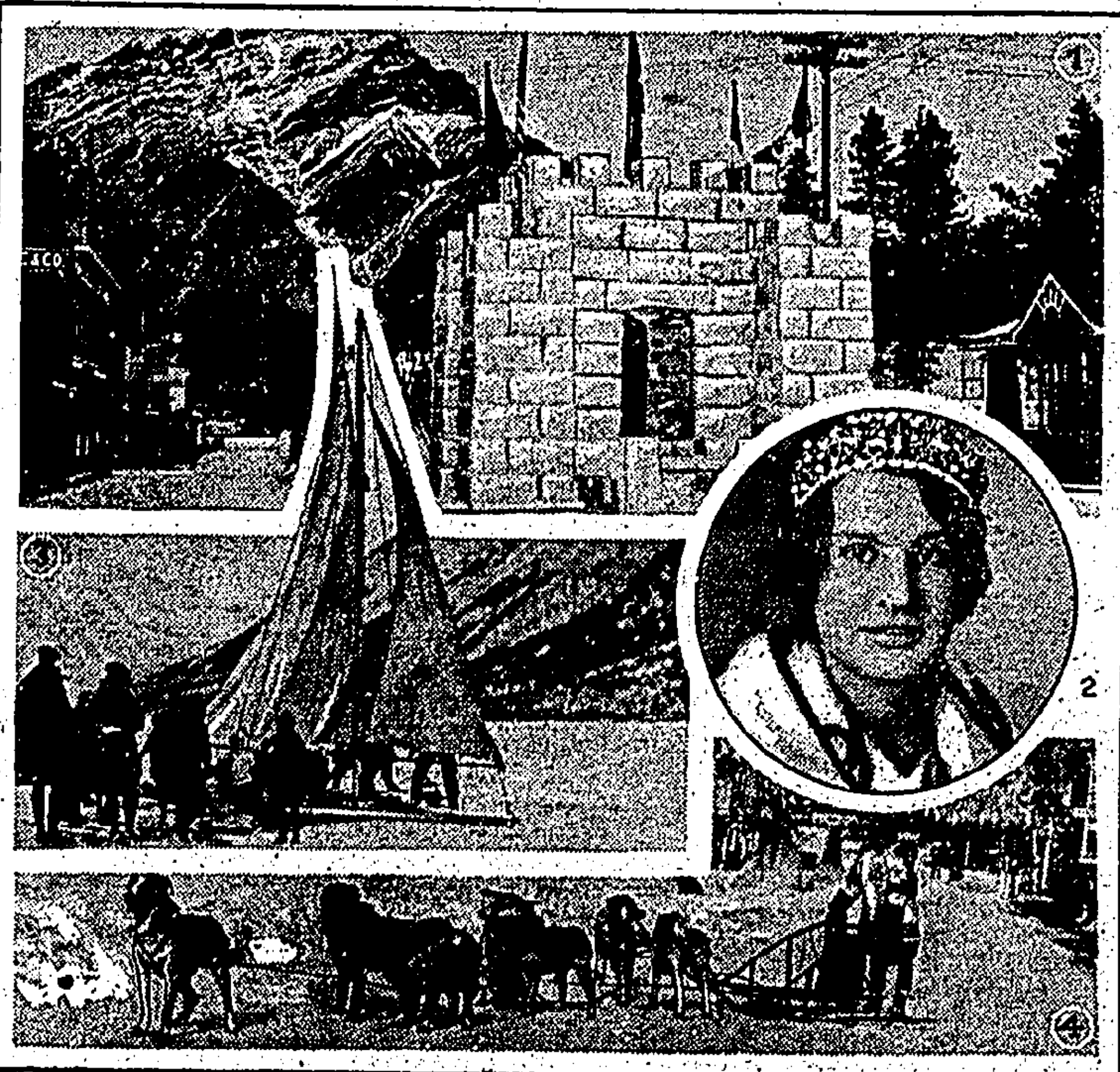
The Beethoven Centenary Committee provided material for a Beethoven concert at Wakefield Prison.

A consignment of English Sunday newspapers, valued at £20, was burned in Dublin by six young men.

John Mason, aged 5, and Albert Mason, aged 15 months, were suffocated in a fire in the barge "Rose" in the Brentford Canal.

The matter in dispute having been referred to the Industrial Court, 5,000 building trade workers on strike in Glasgow and district have resumed work.

A Bill to establish a North America Relations Foundation, the object of which is to foster friendship between Canada and the United States, is to be introduced in the Canadian Parliament by Mr. S. W. Jacobs, a Liberal.



Banff in winter and a complete abandonment to the joys of winter sports are synonymous. Thousands of people in all parts of the world have happy memories of Banff in summer time. Fewer people know of the joys of Banff in winter but this famed mountain resort at this season of the year is becoming widely popular. The great annual winter carnival there has become a classic, and is beginning to draw its regular devotees as does the Mardi Gras at New Orleans and the Rose Tournament at Pasadena. Banff will once again be the scene of one of the most brilliant winter carnivals on the continent. The climate is ideal for every type of winter sport. The most expert skiers and snow-shoers on the continent will be present to take part in the many competitions. The excellent ski jumps that are erected at Banff will provide a test for the most expert in this art. Fancy

skaters will display their graceful art on the rinks, which will also be the scene of many an exciting hockey game. Tennis too is played on ice there. It is a new excitement in winter sports but provides plenty of thrills. Ski-joring, tobogganing, dog sled driving, swimming in the hot sulphur pools on Sulphur mountain, are just a few of the attractions of Banff during the carnival. The scenery setting has not its equal in the world. What Quebec City means to the east for its winter sports, Banff means to the west. Calgary recently abandoned her winter carnival to join forces with the mountain resort. Instead of going to sleep for the winter like the bears Banff keeps awake and with the coming of the snow-shoers on a new lease of life. Visitors come from every part of the world. Ice palaces are built and the town

takes on a gay and festive appearance. The inset shows the Carnival Queen, Miss Mary Cross. The championship dog derby to "The Top of the World and Back" will be an outstanding event of the carnival. This event has become annual and provides the longest and most thrilling dog race in the world, being 173 miles in length and exceeding the famous Pasadena Derby by 23 miles. The handsome Strongheart trophy and substantial cash prizes attract the most expert dog-masters on the continent. The finest and most picturesque toboggan slide in the Dominion is in operation at Banff this season. It is located high up on the side of Sulphur mountain and the start can readily be reached by motor car. Situated but a short distance from the curling club and skating rink, visitors will be able to alternate between these amusements.

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Shanghai	2	Pres. Jefferson.
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Manila	9	Empress of Asia.
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OUTWARD MAILS.

For	THURSDAY, APRIL	Per	Time
Saigon	28	Haidis	3.30 p.m.
Shanghai, Japan & Europe via Siberia	29	Morea	5 p.m.
	FRIDAY, APRIL		
Swatow, Amoy & Foochow	29	Hai Ning	1 p.m.
Manila, Sandakan, Australia and New Zealand via Thursday Island—due Thursday 14th May. Parcels Noon. Registration 1.45 p.m. Letters 2.30 p.m.		Arnfura.	
Manila		Empress of Asia	3.30 p.m.
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Straits, Ceylon, India, Mauritius & E. & S. Africa, Aden Egypt & Europe via Marseilles—due Marseilles 27th May. Parcels 5 p.m. Registration (30th) 9.45 a.m. Letters 10.30 a.m.		Malwa.	
	SATURDAY, APRIL		
Formosa	30	Hague Maru	8.30 a.m.
Batavia		Tjibodas	11.30 a.m.
Saigon & Bangkok		Sekow Maru	12.30 p.m.
Straits, Ceylon, India, Mauritius & South Africa		Mexico Maru	1.30 p.m.
Amoy		Anhui	5 p.m.
Japan		Hosang	5 p.m.
	SUNDAY, MAY		
*Swatow & Bangkok		Kaying	8.30 a.m.
Swatow, Amoy & Foochow		Kaijo Maru	9 a.m.
	MONDAY, MAY		
Shanghai, Japan & Europe via Siberia		Suwa Maru	10.30 a.m.
Swatow		Yingchow	10.30 a.m.
Straits & Calcutta. Parcels Noon. Letters 1 p.m.		Namsang	
Manila		Pres. Lincoln	4.30 p.m.
Shanghai & Europe via Siberia		Aeneas	5 p.m.
	TUESDAY, MAY		
Shanghai, Japan, Honolulu & San Francisco—due San Francisco 30th May & Europe via Siberia. Registration 9.45 a.m. Letters 10.30 a.m.		Shinyo Maru	

*Correspondence-bearing vessel's name only.

RAGING FLOODS.

Two Hundred Lives Lost.

REFUGEE'S SERIOUS FLIGHT.

Memphis, April 27.
According to Mr. Herbert Hoover, Secretary for Commerce, whom President Coolidge appointed to report on the flooded areas, there are 200 people dead and 150,000 homeless.

The plight of scores of thousands of refugees in South Eastern Arkansas and the Mississippi Delta is becoming hourly more serious.



Mr. Herbert Hoover, the American Cabinet Minister, who is investigating conditions in the flood area.

Nearly forty towns within a radius of a hundred miles are reported to be flooded. Raging waters are battering against the walls of houses and mounting the sides and knolls on which thousands of refugees cluster till found by relief workers who traverse the desolate wastes of water on board steamers, motor boats and aeroplanes.—Reuter's American Service.

Earlier Messages.

Memphis, April 27.
The crest of the Mississippi flood is still near here, but within a day or two it will be endangering the lives and property of the beautiful city of New Orleans unless drastic steps are taken. Consequently, the Governor of Louisiana has appealed to the Secretary of War at Washington for permission to dynamite the embankments below New Orleans. The overflow would then inundate many square miles of farmlands.

Excited farmers are already patrolling the embankments armed with guns to keep off people who have dynamite upon them, but if the Federal Government grants permission, the persons whose property is flooded will be compensated for their losses to the extent of several million dollars, which is much less than the damage to New Orleans would otherwise be.—Reuter's American Service.

Break Authorised.

The Governor of Louisiana has declared a state of emergency and ordered the making of an artificial break in the embankment near Poydras on the outskirts of the city. By noon on Friday the break will be 2,000 feet wide, sufficient to lower the river three feet at New Orleans.

The action is approved by the War Department and the Mississippi River Commission and the entire Louisiana Guard have been ordered to assist and to deal with any armed opposition.

It is expected that New Orleans will assume liability for the damage done.—Reuter's American Service.

PEOPLING EMPIRE.

MIGRATION FROM MOTHER COUNTRY.

Rugby, April 27.
The report of the Overseas Settlement Committee shows that the net emigration from Great Britain to all countries during 1926, that is the balance of emigration over immigration, was 110,595, compared with 84,250 in 1925.

Some 66,103 settlers received assistance under the provisions of the Empire Settlement Act against 59,559 in 1925. They were distributed as follows—

Australia	32,782
Canada	21,844
New Zealand	11,705
South Africa	282
—British Wireless Service	

"STOLEN" TRAINS.

Two Canton Engines Derailed.

TRAFFIC WITH KOWLOON.

"Stolen" by drivers on Saturday morning, two locomotives of the Chinese section of the Kowloon-Canton Railway are believed to have been derailed near Pu-kut, which is about 4½ miles from the New Territories boundary and further from the front than Sam-chun market.

The "theft" occurred when a number of engine drivers decided to strike in sympathy with the Communist reprisal on the Canton Government. Shortly after reporting for work that morning, the "Reds" made off with the engines with the result that the express train from Hong Kong had to be cancelled.

Line and Stock Damaged.
Wanton damage has also been done to both the line and stock on the Chinese section which, as is commonly known, is distinct from the British section, going as far as this side of Sam-chun station.

A train has left Canton with repair gangs, making inspections en route to bring about the resumption of both express and slow trains between Canton and Hong Kong. The "China Mail" understands that the damage will be made good in a few days when inter-section traffic will be possible again.

MISSING WITH MONEY.

Captain Grant of the s.s. "Hingsang" yesterday entrusted to the boatswain \$800 in notes to pay the crew and buy provision for the ship. The man went ashore at 2.30 p.m., and did not return.

The big drum makes the noise, but it does not make the music.—The Archbishop of York.

WEATHER FORECAST.

Light, variable winds; fine to cloudy, fog in morning, is the forecast for the twenty-four hours ending at noon to-morrow.
Meteorological observations at 6 a.m. to-day were:—barometer 29.34; temperature 69; humidity 95; wind force 0.

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MONDAY, 2nd May.

Blue Ticket.

SEMI-FINAL OPEN SINGLES.

Ng Sze Kwong v. H. D. Rumjahn

TUESDAY, 3rd May.

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